1937

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of NEBRASKA

of the

United Lutheran Church in America

The 65th Annual Convention

HELD IN FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Allen, Nebraska
THE REV. F. L. CRESS, PASTOR

May 3-5, 1937

DIRECTORY

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STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive

The President of Synod.....1937-40
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Rev. W. H. Traub, D. D., 2602 Farnam, Omaha.....1936-38
Mr. Albert Hedelund, 434 Grain Exchange Bldg., Omaha.....1935-38
Mr. O. E. Schellberg, 6013 Florence Blvd., Omaha.....1936-39
Rev. F. C. Wiegman, North Platte.....1937-40
Mr. Gus Prestegaard, 1944 Harwood, Lincoln.....1937-40

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Rev. G. K. Rubrecht (Convenor).....1935-38
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Rev. W. T. Kahse (Convenor).....1935-38
Rev. P. W. H. Frederick..1936-39 Rev. W. H. Saas.....1937-40

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Rev. C. H. B. Lewis (Con.) '37-40 Rev. W. Jessen.....1937-39
Rev. W. H. Saas.....1937-40 Mr. H. Bruner.....1937-38
Rev. G. N. Mendenhall....1937-39 Mr. E. G. Miller.....1937-38

Protocol

Rev. W. S. Livers Rev. E. F. Rohlfing Rev. M. B. Pinkert

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Rev. G. E. Moeller Rev. R. E. Rangeler Rev. G. B. Weaver

State of the Church

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Rev. N. N. Mendenhall Rev. C. P. Tranberg

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Synodical Paper

President of Synod and Conference Presidents.

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Prof. Oscar Lyders Prof. Philip Hudson Prof. Hugh Rangeler

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Mr. A. F. Buechler

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Rev. H. C. Cordts

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Rev. P. W. H. Frederick Rev. W. T. Kahse Rev. W. C. Stump
Rev. F. L. Cress Rev. C. M. N. Alexander

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Rev. A. H. Pinkall Rev. E. F. Rohlfing Mr. Ralph Lohrberg
Rev. Paul Machetzki Rev. E. G. Wood

Inner Missions

Rev. W. A. Klink Rev. L. H. deFreese Rev. H. M. Henriksen
Rev. M. Blaine Simon Mr. S. A. Wassum

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Ministerial Pensions

Rev. C. B. Harman Rev. H. Joens Rev. G. R. Flora
Rev. R. V. Davis Rev. W. C. Heidenreich

Students in Non-Lutheran Schools

Rev. G. K. Rubrecht Rev. W. C. Heidenreich Rev. E. N. Haugse
Rev. W. C. Stump

U. L. C. A. Promotional Program

Rev. J. C. Hershey Rev. H. F. Martin Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt
Mr. Harry Swanson Mr. G. E. Hickman Mr. William Miller

Young People

Rev. C. H. Berhenke Rev. E. A. Dorner Rev. N. N. Mendenhall
Rev. W. S. Livers Rev. H. Dowler Rev. W. W. Alexander

Midland Assembly

Presidents of Synod, Women's Missionary Society, Lutheran Brotherhood, Midland College, Luther League of Nebraska, Chairmen of Parish and Church School Committee and Young People's Committee.

Mrs. George Haase and Miss Helen Puls.....1934-1937
Mr. F. E. Wood and Rev. T. D. Rinde.....1935-1938
Rev. G. N. Mendenhall and Rev. F. C. Wiegman.....1937-1939

CALENDAR FOR 1938

The 66th Annual Convention will be held in Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska, May 30-June 1, 1938.
Synodical Sermon, By the President of Synod.
Communion Sermon, Dr. W. H. Traub; Alt., Rev. H. C. Heidenreich
Ordination Sermon, Rev. F. C. Wiegman; Alternate, Rev. T. D. Rinde
Chorister, Rev. G. Gieschen
Organist, Rev. A. W. Young
Chaplain, Rev. C. H. Berhenke; Alternate, Rev. E. F. Rohlfing

ROLL OF SYNOD

	Pastor	Address	Year Ord.	Ent. Synod	Parish	Delegate
††	1. Alexander, C. M. N.,	Lewellen	1936	1936	Grace, Lewellen	Wm. Rohlfing
††	2. Alexander, W. W.,	Hooper	1935	1934	Grace, Hooper St. John's, Vacoma	P. C. Petersen
*	3. Baltzly, O. D., Ph. D., D. D., LL. D.,	2602 Farnam St., Omaha	1896	1911	Pastor Emeritus	
	4. Berhenke, C. H.,	2328 N. 62nd, Omaha	1935	1935	First, Omaha	A. Hedelund
	5. Chittenden, W. J.,	McCool Junction	1936	1936	First, McCool Jct.	A. Seng
	6. Cordts, H. C.,	Falls City	1926	1925	St. Paul's, Falls City	A. Bickel
	7. Cress, F. L.,	Allen	1928	1936	First, Allen	M. M. Martin
††	8. Davis, R. V.,	Spencer	1929	1929	United, Spencer	M. W. Olin
††	9. Daubenspeck, W. M.,	926 N. Broad, Fremont	1929	1929	C. C. C. Chaplain	
	10. deFreese, L. H.,	South Sioux City	1936	1935	First, S. Sioux City	F. Miller
	11. Dorner, E. A.,	Columbus	1929	1929	United, Columbus	L. M. Bailey
	12. Dowler, H.,	Gurley	1929	1929	Gurley-Dalton	R. E. Adams
	13. Dumler, H.,	Hildreth	1926	1925	St. Paul's, Hildreth	P. Knause
	14. Estrada, D.,	South America	1931	1931	Missionary	
*	15. Fleck, E. L.,	1331 J St., Lincoln	1887	1910	Retired	
	16. Flora, G. R.,	Oshkosh	1936	1935	St. Mark's, Oshkosh	A. Sudman
	17. Frederick, P. W. H., D. D.,	1653 N. Colson, Fremont	1900	1931	Professor	
††	18. Gieschen, G.,	Leigh	1922	1934	St. John's, Leigh	Wm. Eller
	19. Gilmer, E. H.,	Wilber	1912	1932	First, Wilber	E. G. Hopkins
	20. Guss, W. I., D. D.,	127 N. 40th, Omaha	1899	1919	Synod President	
	21. Harman, C. B., D. D.,	503 W. 2nd, Grand Island	1900	1909	St. Paul's, Grand Island	C. J. Beegle
††	22. Haugse, E. N.,	Auburn	1935	1935	St. Paul's, Auburn	W. Kuenning
	23. Heidenreich, W. C.,	Wayne	1906	1928	St. Paul's, Wayne	O. Fleer
**	24. Henriksen, H. M.,	Stamford	1935	1935	Trinity, Stamford	
	25. Hershey, J. C.,	Davenport	1917	1917	Christ's, Davenport	R. Lonsdale
	26. Holz G. C. H.,	Buenos Aires, South America	1931	1931	Missionary	
	27. Jessen, W.,	Broadwater	1934	1934	Messiah, Broadwater	V. Nolte
	28. Joens, H.,	Hampton	1929	1929	Emmanuel, Hampton	A. Enderle
	29. Kahse, W. T., D. D.,	413 Central Ave., Sidney	1905	1912	Sidney-Potter	H. Rabe
**	30. Keller, S. L.,	Fremont	1888	1910	Retired	
††	31. Kemper, C. H.,	Paxton	1927	1926	Trinity, Paxton	H. Sudman
	32. Klink, W. A.,	West Point	1917	1917	Grace, West Point	W. J. Fegley
	33. Kuhns, L. M., D. D., Litt. D.,	Saunders-Kennedy Bldg., Omaha	1886	1888	Pastor Emeritus	
**	34. Lewis, C. H. B., D. D.,	748 E. Military, Fremont	1904	1925	U. L. C. A. Field Secretary of Parish and Church School Board	
	35. Livers, W. E.,	Fonca	1923	1923	Salem, Fonca	
*	36. Lowe, J. A., Ph. D.,	3506 Harney, Omaha	1878	1926	Retired	

**34.	Lewis, C. H. B., D. D., 748 E. Military, Fremont	1904	1925	U. L. C. A. Field Secretary of Parish and Church School Board	
35.	Livers, W. E., Ponca	1922	1922	Salem, Ponca	
*36.	Lowe, J. A., Ph. D., 3506 Harney, Omaha	1878	1926	Retired	
37.	Machetzki, P. O., D. D., 743 E. Market, York, Pa.	1915	1914	Missionary	
38.	Martin, H. F., Ph. D., D. D., Midland College, Fremont	1905	1925	President of Midland College	
**39.	Mendenhall, A. L., North Platte	1937	1936	Assistant at First, North Platte, and pastor of Grace, Sutherland	
40.	Mendenhall, G. N., Ph. D., D. D., 855 E. Military, Fremont	1908	1922	Supply	
†41.	Mendenhall, N. N., 2602 Farnam, Omaha	1936	1936	Assistant at Kountze-Memorial, Omaha	
42.	Miller, J. C., Verdon	1915	1928	St. Mark's, Verdon — Wm. Kentopp; Trinity, Stella	
43.	Moeller, G. E., Homer	1932	1932	Homer-Hubbard — H. Jensen	
††44.	Mortensen, E. C., Benedict	1920	1920	Zion, Benedict — A. Westergreen	
††45.	Mortensen, G. E., 1326 S. 26th, Omaha	1920	1920	Grace, Omaha — F. Smith	
†46.	Pinkall, A. H., 4520 S. 16th, Omaha	1930	1930	St. Luke's, Omaha — H. Grimm	
†47.	Pinkert, M. B., Hardy	1935	1935	St. Paul's, Hardy	
48.	Rangeler, R. E., 3935 E. Randolph, Lincoln	1919	1921	St. James', Lincoln — H. Fahrenbruch; Walton-Eagle	
*49.	Rhine, J. S., Wolbach	1933	1933	Trinity, Wolbach	
50.	Rinde, T. D., 406 S. 9th St., Nebraska City	1924	1927	First, Nebraska City — J. Petring	
††51.	Rohlfing, E. F., 415 W. 2nd, Grand Island	1935	1934	Assistant at St. Paul's, Grand Island	
52.	Rubrecht, G. K., D. D., 847 S. 14th, Lincoln	1905	1928	Grace, Lincoln — G. Prestegaard	
53.	Saas, W. H., 214 N. Ninth, Beatrice	1925	1924	Trinity, Beatrice — L. K. Stevens	
*54.	Schuldt, T. J. C., 2602 Farnam, Omaha	1936	1936	Assistant at Kountze-Memorial, Omaha	
55.	Simon, M. B., 809 Grant, York	1937	1936	First, York — E. J. Sanmann	
††56.	Stump, W. C., 2051 N. 20th, Omaha	1910	1930	St. Mark's, Omaha — C. H. Puls	
†57.	Tranberg, C. P., Rising City	1913	1930	First, Rising City — L. J. Saylor	
*58.	Traub, W. H., D. D., 2602 Farnam, Omaha	1913	1931	Kountze-Memorial, Omaha — Wm. Tegtmeyer	
††59.	Voss, W. A., 2875 Vane, Omaha	1925	1934	Our Redeemer, Omaha — A. J. Miller	
60.	Wiegman, F. C., 311 W. 5th, North Platte	1927	1927	First, North Platte — A. T. Yost	
61.	Weaver, G. B., D. D., Dakota City	1898	1916	Salem, Dakota City — B. M. Boals	
**62.	Wood, E. G., Guntur, India	1929	1929	Missionary	
63.	Young, A. W., Scribner	1926	1924	United, Scribner — H. Low; Emmanuel, Snyder — A. Musbach	
64.	Baird, H. V., Fremont		1937	Licentiate	
65.	Soker, L., Fremont		1937	Licentiate	
	Vacant			Salem, Fremont (L. Soker, Supply Pastor)	
	Vacant			First, Bruning	
	Vacant			St. Luke's, Emerson	
	Vacant			Emmanuel, Dakota City	
	Vacant			Emmanuel, Tekamah	

*Absent and excused **Absent and not excused †Absent part time and excused ††Absent part time and not excused

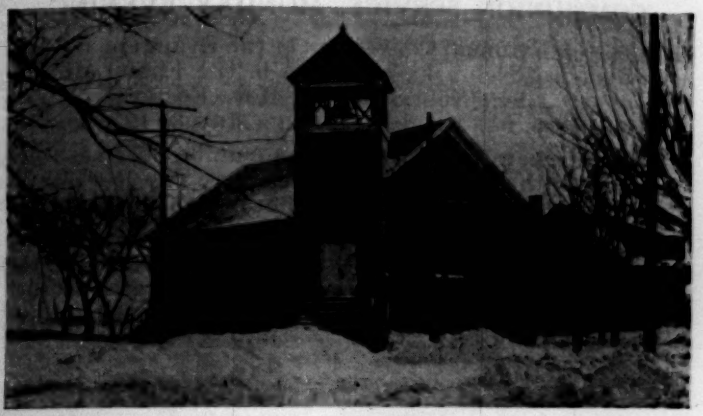
DATES AND PLACES OF THE MEETINGS OF SYNOD

1871	Omaha	
1872	No Meeting	Absence of Quorum
1873	No meting	No meeting appointed
1874	Fontanelle	
1875	Nebraska City	
1876	Omaha	
1877	West Point	
1878	Nebraska City	
1879	Febing	
1880	Ponca	
1881	Tekamah	
1882	Waverly	
1883	Tekamah	
1884	Ponca	
1885	Grand Island	German Church
1886	Auburn	
1887	Beatrice	
1888	Rising City	
1889	Grand Island	English Church
1890	Denver, Colo.	Only meeting out of State
1891	Beatrice	
1892	Ponca	
1893	Lincoln	St. Mark's Church
1894	West Point	
1895	Wayne	
1896	Stella	
1897	Dakota City	Salem Church, near Dakota City
1898	Nebraska City	
1899	Beatrice	
1900	Pawnee City	
1901	West Point	
1902	North Platte	
1903	Benedict	
1904	Ponca	
1905	Wilber	
1906	Omaha	Grace Church
1907	Grand Island	
1908	Hardy	
1909	Auburn	
1910	Beatrice	
1911	Omaha	Kountze Memorial
1912	North Platte	
1913	West Point	
1914	Allen	
1915	Lincoln	Grace Church
1916	Omaha	St. Luke's Church
1917	Grand Island	
1918	Fremont	
1919	Omaha	Grace Church
1920	North Platte	
1921	Wayne	
1922	Ponca	
1923	Emerson	
1924	Omaha	St. Mark's Church
1925	Rising City	
1926	Auburn	
1927	Fremont	
1928	Nebraska City	
1929	Omaha	Church of Our Redeemer
1930	Davenport	
1931	Stamford	
1932	West Point	
1933	Omaha	Kountze Memorial
1934	Leigh	
1935	South Sioux City	
1936	Sidney	
1937	Allen	

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, ALLEN, NEBRASKA

REV. FOSTER L. CRESS, Pastor

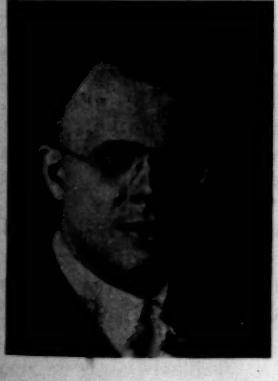
For many years Allen was a village with but one church. When the need for another church arose, the preliminary steps toward organizing a new congregation were taken under the guidance of the Rev.



C. H. B. Lewis, then pastor at Ponca. On June 22, 1912, Rev. Lewis conducted the first services in the Town Hall. Through that summer the services were held in the driveway of the yards of the Superior Lumber Co.

On July 28, 1912, the First Lutheran Church was organized with more than sixty adult Christians signing the Constitution. On September 29, 1912, the corner stone of the church building was laid by Rev. Lewis. On February 16, 1913, the first worship service was held in the new building, Rev. Lewis then preaching his final sermon to the congregation as supply pastor. The first regularly called pastor was the Rev. G. W. Livers who served the congregation through nine fruitful years. On March 2, 1913, the church building was dedicated, with the Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., then Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, delivering the message.

In the spring of 1914 the North Platte Conference held its meeting in this church, and in October of the same year the congregation was host to The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.



In December of 1915 the parsonage was completed, and by September of 1918 the church property was free of debt.

Rev. Lewis helped organize a Sunday School and other groups.

The Congregation now has 257 baptized members and 208 confirmed members.

During the twenty-five years of its history five pastors have served this congregation: Rev. G. W. Livers, 1913-1921; Rev. H. L. Greenawalt, 1922-1924; Rev. William Hoffman, 1925-1927; Rev. J. C. Miller, 1927-1936; Rev. Foster L. Cress, 1936-.

MINUTES

COMMUNION SERVICE, MONDAY EVENING

The 65th Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska convened in the First Lutheran Church at Allen, Nebraska, the Rev. Foster L. Cress, pastor, at 8 p. m., Monday evening, May 3, 1937.

The Preparatory and Holy Communion Services were in charge of the President and Secretary. The Rev. W. C. Stump preached the Communion Sermon. 63 pastors and laymen communed.

Immediately following the Communion Service the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Machetzki gave an illustrated lecture on the mission fields of our United Lutheran Church in South America.

BUSINESS SESSION, TUESDAY MORNING

The Session Tuesday morning was opened with the Devotional Service in charge of Chaplain W. A. Voss. The Synodical Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. F. H. Knubel, President of the United Lutheran Church in America, on the theme "The Passions of Christ."

President W. I. Guss conducted the Formal Opening of Synod at 10:35 a. m.

The Roll of Synod was called, 48 pastors and 27 lay-delegates responding.

The Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was presented by the Rev. G. E. Moeller. The Report was adopted.

The Bar of Synod was set as the West section of pews and the first 5 pews of the East section.

The following new members of Synod were introduced: the Rev. Foster L. Cress, the Rev. L. H. deFreese, the Rev. W. J. Chittenden, the Rev. A. L. Mendenhall. The following official representatives and visitors were introduced: the Rev. F. H. Knubel, President of the United Lutheran Church in America, the Rev. A. B. Schwertz, the Rev. M. O. Heller and the Rev. H. A. Teckhaus. These men were accorded the privilege of the floor.

The first Recommendation of the Report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted.

The President's Report was referred to the Committee on President's Report.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Brethren and Co-Workers:—

"Grace be unto you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ." Amen.

As we meet in this sixty-fifth Annual Convention, we are again the guests of the First Lutheran Church of Allen for the second time. We are not only glad to receive the hospitality but on behalf of the Synod we desire to congratulate this congregation on having attained this Silver Anniversary year and commend them for the good works that they have accomplished in the past Twenty-five years. We meet not only to review the work of the past synodical year but to plan together how we can better carry on the work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in this part of His Kingdom which he has entrusted to us. May the Great Head of the Church give us wisdom and direct us in all our ways as we counsel together. May every thought and prayer of each delegate present be "Not my will Lord but Thine be done", so that our Synod may be lead into a greater year of service.

The Church is passing through a testing period. Our pastors and people have been called upon to make great sacrifice. The clouds of economic depression are yet hanging heavily over Nebraska. There is much poverty, distress and uncertainty. As a result bewilderment, doubt, restlessness, irritability, fault-finding and ugly criticism are in the thinking and living of many people. There is even rebellion against the church of Christ and the secular laws of the government. Some folks are resorting to unscriptural methods in order to secure financial gain and to accomplish selfish ends and purposes. Such have lost confidence in the Holy Bible as an infallible guide for faith and practice.

Yet in spite of these conditions the churches are making progress along certain lines and there are many who have not bowed the knee to Baal nor lost faith in the words of the Psalmist "God is a refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." For the year of 1936 the congregations of the Synod show a gain over 1935 in membership:— communing 244, confirmed 925, baptized 1140. For the same time there was a decrease in offerings.— apportioned benevolence $316, unapportioned $1678, and for current expense $951, total (including unusual) $5,292, and a decrease in grand total expenditures of $7,286. There has been a decrease in the offerings and membership of the Women's Missionary Society.

These decreases cannot be laid at the feet of the pastors, nor that the members have lost confidence in the leadership of the churches, nor that folks are not interested in the extension of the Kingdom. The church members do love their pastors and are sorry that salaries were reduced; they are interested in the saving of souls and the extension of Christ's Kingdom through the benevolence offerings of the church, and they are sad and lament these decreases in the offerings. As soon as economic conditions change in Nebraska these offerings will be increased.

Our pastors and congregations are to be commended for their consecration, loyalty and zeal for the Master's Kingdom. According to certain statistics, about one half of the population of Nebraska are unchurched. Here is a challenge to our church. Your president has this confidence in you brethren that you will accept the challenge and do your best under the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Bereavements

Since our last meeting of Synod the following pastors were caused to mourn the departure of parents: Rev. Wm. A. Klink—a mother, Revs. Willard and Clarence Alexander—a father, Rev. H. C. Cordts—a father. The sympathy of synod is extended to you brethren.

The following is a summary of that which usually make up the report of your President.

Calls Accepted

Rev. W. H. Saas, Beatrice, June 1, 1936.
Rev. L. H. deFreese, South Sioux City, June 15, 1936.
Rev. W. W. Alexander, Hooper, August 1, 1936.
Rev. E. A. Dorner, Sutherland, August 1, 1936.
Rev. J. C. Miller, Verdon, August 3, 1936.
Rev. J. C. Miller, Stella, August 3, 1936.
Rev. W. W. Alexander, Vacoma, August 23, 1936.
Rev. Walter J. Chittenden, (Supply Pastor) Wolbach, September 6, 1936.
Rev. F. L. Cress, Allen, September 24, 1936.
Rev. Wallace S. Livers, Ponca, November 10, 1936.
Rev. E. A. Dorner, Columbus, December 1, 1936.
Rev. Walter J. Chittenden, McCool Junction, May 1, 1937.
Student M. B. Simon, York, Pending Ordination.

Accessions

Rev. L. H. deFreese, by Ordination, June 21, 1936.
Rev. Alfred L. Mendenhall, by Licensure, June 22, 1936.
Rev. Walter J. Chittenden, by Ordination, September 20, 1936.
Rev. Foster L. Cress, Illinois Synod, September 23, 1936.

Resignations

Rev. W. H. Moeller, Hooper, June 1, 1936.
Rev. C. R. Lowe, Beatrice, June 1, 1936.
Rev. W. H. Saas, Verdon, June 1, 1936.
Rev. W. H. Saas, Stella, June 1, 1936.
Rev. W. W. Alexander, Tekamah, July 31, 1936.
Rev. J. C. Miller, Allen, August 3, 1936.
Rev. L. Weitzenkamp, Ponca, October 15, 1936.
Rev. E. A. Vosseler, Emerson, Nov. 8, 1936.
Rev. W. S. Livers, Columbus, November 10, 1936.
Rev. E. A. Dorner, Sutherland, November 30, 1936.
Rev. Harry F. Coder, York, December 7, 1936.
Rev. Harry F. Coder, McCool Junction, December 7, 1936.
Rev. F. C. Pryor, Fremont, March 31, 1937.
Rev. W. J. Chittenden, (Supply Pastor), Wolbach, April 30, 1937.

Dismissals

Rev. W. H. Moeller, Kansas Synod, May 31, 1936.
Rev. C. R. Lowe, Illinois Synod, June 1, 1936.
Rev. L. Weitzenkamp, Pacific Synod, October 15, 1936.
Rev. E. A. Vosseler, Pacific Synod, November 8, 1936.
Rev. Harry F. Coder, Iowa Synod, December 26, 1936.

Installations

Rev. Clarence M. N. Alexander, Lewellen, by President W. I. Guss, June 7, 1936.

Rev. George R. Flora, Oshkosh, by Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D. and the President of Synod, June 7, 1936.

Rev. W. H. Saas, Beatrice, by Dr. W. F. Rangeler and Rev. H. C. Cordts, June 7, 1936.

Rev. Louis H. deFreese, South Sioux City, by Rev. T. D. Rinde and President W. I. Guss, June 21, 1936.

Rev. Henry Dumler, Hildreth, by President of Synod, W. I. Guss, July 26, 1936.

Rev. Herman Joens, Hampton, by Dr. W. I. Guss, July 26, 1936.

Rev. W. W. Alexander, Hooper, by Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., August 2, 1936.

Rev. J. C. Miller, Verdon, by Rev T. D. Rinde, August 9, 1936.

Rev. J. C. Miller, Stella, by Rev. T. D. Rinde, August 9, 1936.

Rev. Foster L. Cress, Allen, by Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., September 27, 1936.

Rev. E. A. Dorner, Sutherland, by President of Synod, October 3, 1936.

Rev. E. A. Dorner, Columbus, by Dr. H. Dysinger and the President of Synod, December 20, 1936.

Rev. W. W. Alexander, Vacoma, by Dr. P. W. H. Frederick, April 11, 1936.

Rev. W. S. Livers, Ponca, by Dr. R. W. Livers, April 11, 1937.

Ordinations

By the authority and instruction of Synod, the following young men were ordained or licensed:

June 21, 1936—Louis H. deFreese was ordained at South Sioux City in the First Lutheran Church, by President W. I. Guss, Secretary T. D. Rinde and the following members of the Examining Committee: Revs. W. A. Klink, G. B. Weaver, D. D., J. C. Miller, and E. A. Vosseler. The sermon was preached by Dr. Holmes Dysinger.

September 20, 1936—Walter J. Chittenden was ordained in Trinity Lutheran Church, Wolbach, by President of Synod W. I. Guss, who also preached the sermon.

June 22, 1936—Alfred L. Mendenhall was issued a Certificate of Licensure for the Synodical year by the President and Secretary of Synod.

Vacancies

Bruning—The Methodists are still conducting services in the Lutheran Church, Rev. J. C. Hershey and the President visited this field to inquire if it were possible to place a Lutheran Pastor, but it seems that the same is not desirable or feasible at present.

Dakota City, (Emmanuel)—Rev. W. M. Daubenspeck served as Acting Pastor of this church for a short time. Dr. L. M. Kuhns conducted services in this church also and was present on Palm Sunday and Easter. He reported to your President that a number of new families have moved into Dakota City, who with others would be interested in regular services in this church.

Emerson—This church has been vacant since November 8, but has been regularly supplied by students and others of the Western Seminary. It is hoped that a Pastor will soon be "called".

Ericson—This congregation has been supplied with occasional services by Rev. W. J. Chittenden and Student Paul C. Wharton. The latter was present on Palm Sunday and Easter. There seems to be a desire on the part of a group of folks in this community for regular services and if possible some arrangements will be made so that services will be regularly conducted, at least every two weeks.

Fremont—Salem Church became vacant April 1. Student Leeland Soker is the Supply Pastor until a Regular Pastor is "called".

Omaha, Luther Memorial—Rev. W. C. Stump, who had charge of this field, relinquished the same February 4. Since this date the congregation has been supplied by Dr. Holmes Dysinger.

Sutherland—This congregation has been vacant since November 30, when Rev. E. A. Dorner relinquished the work. The Church has been supplied by students from Western Theological Seminary. The congregation has not paid in full the travel expenses of those who supplied the pulpit. This has been partly paid by the Executive Committee, who referred the future payment of expenses of Supply Pastors to the Missionary Committee. The Missionary Committee seems to be of the opinion that the congregation ought to pay all the expenses of the Supplies. Your President raises the question; that in event that small congregations, under the present financial depression, are unable to pay for Supplies, should the Missionary Committee be authorized to do so?

Tekamah—Tekamah has been vacant since July 31. This congregation has been regularly supplied by Western Seminary Students

and others. It is very important that a Pastor be placed on this field at the earliest possible date.

Applications for Membership

BY ORDINATION—M. Blaine Simon, Alfred L. Mendenhall.
BY LICENSURE—Leeland C. Soker, Vance Baird, Paul C. Wharton.

Anniversaries

Emerson—25th Anniversary of the congregation observed October 25, 1936. Rev. R. E. Rangeler preached at the morning service. Dr. L. M. Kuhns gave a historical address in the afternoon. The Ladies' Missionary Aid Society served an evening meal to the families of visiting and local pastors and the church council.

Gurley—Grace Congregation observed the 20th Anniversary on Sunday, June 21. The attendance was large. A fellowship event followed the Service.

Homer—On October 11, 1936 the St. Paul's Lutheran Church observed in a most fitting manner the Fiftieth Anniversary of the organization of the congregation. President of Synod W. I. Guss preached at the morning service, at which time the church was re-dedicated, by the pastor Rev. George E. Moeller. At 8:00 p. m. the Rev. George E. Mortensen preached the Anniversary Sermon; greetings from former pastors were given; the choir rendered special music; and a History of the Church was read.

An Anniversary Booklet was published which gave an interesting account of the beginning, organization, and development of the congregation and the various organizations of the same.

The Tuesday evening following was a Friendship Service with greetings from neighboring pastors, local and church organizations, and a lunch was served.

Lewellen—30th Anniversary was observed on Sunday September 30, 1936 by a special program of addresses, music and a fellowship meeting.

Omaha, Kountze Memorial—The Fifth Anniversary of the Dr. W. H. Traub, as pastor was observed by a congregational dinner in his honor, September 6, 1936.

Omaha, Redeemer—On January 8 and 10, the 20th Anniversary of the congregation was celebrated by a special service and a congregational dinner.

Omaha, St. Mark's—The 50th Anniversary of the Congregation was observed Sunday, December 6, 1936. The speakers were Dr. Holmes Dysinger, Dr. George H. Schnur (The first Pastor) and Dr. L. M. Kuhns. Mr. Charles H. Puls gave a historical sketch, and the President of Synod brought greetings. There was special music by the joint choirs.

The following Monday evening was Fellowship Night. The Rev. Charles A. Puls—a son of the congregation—gave the main address. Greetings were brought from visiting pastors and representatives from the church organizations, and there was music and refreshments.

Oshkosh—The Thirtieth Anniversary of St. Mark's Church was observed on September 20, 1936. The speakers were Revs. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., C. R. Goldenstein, and Werner Jessen.

Sidney—On May 10, 1936, the 50th Anniversary of Trinity Church was observed by special Sunday Services. The speakers were Drs. John P. Seibert and J. S. Leamer, a former pastor. Our Synod had a part in the following Tuesday evening service, May 12.

Walton—20th Anniversary of dedication of the church celebrated last August. Rev. E. A. Vosseler preached the sermon.

Improvements

Allen—Interior of parsonage walls were re-painted and floors

varnished. Men of the church did the work, at cost of $25.00 for material.

Auburn—Gas heaters installed in church study and primary department at a cost of $90.

Beatrice—Interior of church redecorated $329; new furnace $250; new oak altar $185; Total cost $764. The ladies made and donated a set of altar, pulpit and lecturn coverings. Pews rearranged so that there is now a center aisle leading up to the Altar. The new location of the choir is at the left of the chancel. Special re-opening services and altar dedicated February 21. Morning sermon by President of Synod and the evening sermon by Rev. T. D. Rinde.

Columbus—New roof and gutters on parsonage, cost $125.00. Men of church donated labor.

Dalton—Basement built under church and a new furnace purchased, cost $400.

Davenport—Roof of church painted with rubberoid at a cost of $45, not including labor which was furnished by men of the church.

Emerson—Church building repaired at a cost of $200.

Grand Island—Interior walls of the church redecorated, cost $300.

Gurley—Church building re-roofed, repainted, redecorated; the basement walls redecorated, new linoleum floor coverings and new stove. A new baptismal font placed in church.

Hampton—Parsonage interior redecorated and storm windows installed, cost $93.

Hardy—Redecorated three rooms in parsonage; minor repairs in church building; and young people furnished a baptismal font and altar hangings.

Hooper—Church roof and furnace repaired; new gas heater installed; new Parish School Hymnals, silverware and dishes purchased; parsonage floors refinished, linoleum laid and walls papered. All at a cost of $382.

Homer—The church property belonging to the Danish congregation was deeded to St. Paul's, the church building was moved onto the St. Paul's lot and the two churches were joined together. After considerable re-arranging and re-modeling the building was rededicated when the 50th anniversary was celebrated. The new lighting fixtures, hymn board, carpeting chancel, remodeling cost $150.00. Much labor was donated in renovating and re-modeling the church.

Hubbard—New ceiling put on in the church basement, cost $125.

Lincoln, Grace—Church reconditioned and redecorated. Gift of Congressman and Mrs. H. C. Luckey. Exterior of church painted; old tower removed, placed storm sash on all north windows; new Estey organ installed; chancel furnishings—including a beautiful set of violet paraments and altar linens—donated; historic vestments of the church and colored stoles of the clergy introduced. Church and parsonage lawns improved and reseeded, interior of parsonage renovated, improved and modernized.

Lewellen—A hymn board, bulletin board, credance bracket, missal stand and altar cross were installed. All were donated.

Nebraska City—Painted parsonage, garage and wood work on church at a cost of $125.00; introduced Common Service Books $60.00; paid last installment on street paving $56.00; and paid balance on pipe organ $150; total cost $391.00.

North Platte—Church basement remodelled $250 and the pastor's study furnished $100.

Omaha, Benson—Church heating system renovated and improved new circulating heater placed in basement $200; drinking fountain installed—donated; 24 steel padded folding chairs, $45.

Omaha, Kountze Memorial—New kitchen equipment $65, new

floor in lecture room $400, sexton's house remodeled $525, improvements at Missions $300, and two sets of paraments (green and red) $350, Total $1,640.

Omaha, Redeemer—New roof on church $120, windows reset and repaired $135, reredos for altar $85, total $349.

Omaha, St. Mark's—Church auditorium redecorated $200, school room redecorated $118, roof $120, total $438.

Oshkosh—New Hymnals, rewiring part of church $17, landscaping lots $10.00.

Scribner—New octagonal pulpit, new altar and lines, $50.

Sidney—Interior and exterior of church property improved at a cost of $1,250.

South Sioux City—Material for choir robes $60 (making donated); Common Service Books $130; changes in chancel and choir loft $15; mimeograph $60; total $265.

Spencer—Purchased new rugs, and altar curtains, refinished floors, cost $80.

Verdon—Repapered parsonage and a new light plant installed for church and parsonage $255.

Wayne—Exterior of parsonage painted, and re-roofed $200, new altar and pulpit coverings $60—donated.

West Point—New electric clock $15, brass altar cross $15, painted roof and window sashes and screens $30, total $60.

The President's Questionaire

7 churches did not return the Questionaire. 35 Church Councils made an earnest effort to raise the Apportioned Benevolence; 3 reported that Benevolence funds were used for other purposes and one of these did not return the money; 7 Church Councils sent the Benevolence Offerings to the Treasurer of Synod monthly and 36 others reported irregular remittances; 48 pastors received part or all of their salary monthly; 48 preached one or more times on Stewardship.

The Emmanuel Lutheran Congregation

Of Snyder, Nebraska is now a member of our Synod having been formally received by your president at the morning service, April 4, 1937. The dismissal from the German Nebraska Synod was received January 5, 1937.

Conferences and Conventions

I was present at the following: Pastors and Students Conferences at Fremont, May 19-20, 1936, and April 7, 1937; Midland Assembly at Fremont, August 6-7, 1936; and at this time, the Women's Missionary Synodical Convention; on October 14-21, 1936, at Columbus, Ohio the U. L. C. A. Convention, the Home Missionary Conference arranged by the Board of American Missions, and a News Bureau Conference; Nov. 4-5, 1936 Western Conference at Paxton, Nov. 11-12 the South Platte Conference at Falls City.

Relief of Flood Sufferers

Upon the request of the Inner-Mission Board for the relief of Flood Sufferers in the Ohio Valley, I informed all congregations. The offerings sent to Treasurer Wood were about $750.00.

Luther League of Nebraska

The League, at the State Convention which met at Camp Sheldon last August 16-19, adopted the following resolution:—

WHEREAS, we feel that there should be a greater spirit of co-operation fostered between the Luther League of Nebraska and its constituent synods in carrying out the program of the United Lutheran Church in America in Nebraska.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the executive committee of the

Luther League of Nebraska confer with the executive committees of the Nebraska synod in all projects planned by the League, AND that a copy of this resolution be sent to the executive committees of the respective synods.

The State President notified the League that our synod had settled the Luther League Hospice debt, and suggested that some appreciation should be expressed. Accordingly a resolution was adopted that, "We thank the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska for taking over the obligation incurred through the Hospice in Omaha.

We recommend that the League repay the Synod one hundred dollars the coming year."

Other Activities

Of your President were 1 baptism, 2 communion services, 48 sermons, 11 other addresses, present at 30 church council meetings, 15 congregational meetings, 15 committee meetings, 10 conventions and conferences, numerous personal conferences, edited the Nebraska Synod Lutheran, assisted churches in writing and adopting constitutions, and cared for a large amount of correspondence. In doing the work of the Synod I traveled about 25,000 miles.

Presentation of U. L. C. A. Causes

Official Notice was sent your President that a change had been authorized by which the Executive Board will hereafter send one representative to each Annual Convention of the Constituent Synods. He will present all of the Causes of the U. L. C. A. The expense is to be paid by the Treasurer of the Board. This representative will be available for questions and for advice as the Synod may desire. President Dr. F. H. Knubel will be the official representative to our Synod at this convention.

Fiftieth Anniversary Jubilee

Midland College will celebrate this Golden Anniversary in a fitting way. It is the hope that the plans may be successfully carried out. I want to urge that every pastor and congregation of our Synod give this Anniversary Jubilee their prayers and moral support, and that all of us contribute as liberally as possible to the financial needs of Midland.

Appointments by President

Dr. W. T. Kahse to give Charge to congregation at the installation of Pastor George Flora, June 7, 1936.

Dr. W. F. Rangeler to give Charge to Pastor and Rev. H. C. Cordts to give Charge to congregation at installation of Rev. W. H. Saas, June 7, 1936.

Dr. H. Dysinger to deliver the Ordination Sermon to Pastor Louis deFreese at South Sioux City, June 21, 1936.

Dr. G. K. Rubrecht to represent Synod at the installation of the new Superintendent, Dr. M. A. Ritzen, at Tabitha Home, September 27, 1936.

Dr. H. Dysinger to deliver Sermon to Pastor at installation of Rev. E. A. Dorner, Columbus, December 20, 1936.

Dr. P. W. H. Frederick to install Pastor W. W. Alexander at St. John's, Vacoma, April 2, 1937.

Mr. V. B. Elseffer to audit the records of the Missionary Committee, April 16, 1937.

Recommendations

1. That this Synod acknowledge our Father's protection and guidance during the past Synodical year, and that we thank Him for sparing us to meet again in this convention to pray and plan for the future work of His Kingdom.

2. That Synod commend our pastors and congregations for their consecration, loyalty and zeal for the Church during these distressing times.

3. That our Pastors and Church Officers earnestly endeavor to carry out the principles of Christian Stewardship, through the Every Member Visitation and as recommended by the Laymen's Movement.

4. That upon the adoption of the above recommendation that Synod stand and that prayer shall be offered for our pastors and laymen.

5. That the information contained in the Luther League resolutions, brought to the attention of this body in this Report be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

6. That the attention of the members of our congregation be called to the importance and wisdom of remembering, in their wills, Midland College, Tabitha Home and other Lutheran causes.

7. That in the event that small congregations are reported to be in financial distress and unable to pay for pastoral ministration, then the President of Synod shall refer such congregations to the Missionary Committee, which committee shall have power to act.

8. That the pastors and congregations observe the Calendar of Special Days and Seasons of the United Lutheran Church in America, as published on page 31 of the Year Book of the U. L. C. A. for 1937, and that this calendar be printed on the first inside cover page of our Minutes.

Finally, my brethren, permit me to express my sincere appreciation for the honor that you have given me to serve you as President for over ten years. I want to thank you, pastors and laymen, for your loyal and courteous support that you have shown. I now return to you, for the third time, the office that you entrusted to me. My prayer is that the Great Head of the Church, Jesus Christ, may ever guide you and that you may follow Him in everything.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. Guss.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mr. F. E. Wood. The Report of the Hanson Audit Company of Fremont, Nebraska, was presented and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1936

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 1936		$ 2,294.14
United Lutheran Church		8,142.32
Synodical Treasury		
Apportionment	$ 3,867.60	
W. I. Guss salary refund	1,500.00	5,367.60
Ministerial Education		610.68
Tabitha Home		
Apportionment	2,035.58	
Special Gifts	105.53	2,141.11
Midland College		4,720.70
Foreign Missions		806.95
Miscellaneous		
Board of American Missions	70.06	
Ministerial Pension and Relief	8.00	
Western Theological Seminary	3.35	
Midland Assembly	5.00	86.41
Missionary Committee		1,017.79
		$25,187.70

Disbursements

United Lutheran Church	$ 8,220.38	
Ministerial Education	610.68	
Tabitha Home	2,141.11	
Foreign Missions	806.95	
Midland College	4,724.05	
(Includes $3.35 Western Theo. Sem.)		
Missionary Committee	1,017.79	
Midland Assembly	5.00	
	$17,525.96	$17,525.96
Synodical Treasury		
W. I. Guss, Salary and expenses	$ 3,618.44	
Perkins Printing Co.	359.72	
E. C. Mortensen	14.56	
E. A. Vosseler	12.35	
R. E. Rangeler, Student work	200.00	
John Hershey	6.00	
W. H. Saas	2.00	
Belle Bliss, Stenographic work	10.27	
W. T. Kahse	5.00	
Gus Prestegaard	1.50	
Luther M. Kuhns	2.47	
Nebraska State Bldg. & Loan Ass'n	2.20	
W. H. Moeller	1.81	
A. Mendenhall	3.00	
B. Simon	9.70	
L. deFreese	4.95	
W. Chittenden	3.00	
W. A. Klink	6.10	
Missionary Committee	300.00	
Midland College	300.00	
Tabitha Home	300.00	
Holmes Dysinger	2.00	
C. P. Tranberg	3.00	
Mrs. Jessie E. Robinson, Settlement Luther League Hospice	750.00	
F. E. Wood	41.35	
A. Haspel	5.00	
Hanson Audit Co.	40.00	
Thos. D. Rinde	64.85	
W. H. Saas	21.00	
H. C. Cordts	21.50	
A. H. Pinkall	22.00	
H. Dowler	22.00	
G. E. Hickman	25.00	
S. J. Flora	22.00	
E. G. Miller	22.25	
Otto Nelson	25.00	
W. F. Rangeler	6.76	
Paul Wharton	5.00	
L. Soker	3.80	
Martin Bros. & Co, Treasurer's Bond	10.00	
Exchange	2.05	
J. F. Bastian Ins. Co., Treasurer's Bond	10.00	
	$ 6,287.63	$ 6,287.63
Balance in Synod Treasury		1,374.11
		$25,187.70

NEBRASKA SYNOD BENEVOLENCE REPORT 1936

	Apportionment	Paid	%	Specials	Total
Allen	$ 476	$ 70.10	14.7	$ 5.00	$ 75.10
Auburn	664	537.00	80.8	51.12	588.12

	Apportionment	Paid	%	Specials	Total
Beatrice	444	74.00	16.6	16.07	90.07
Benedict	576	403.00	70.	92.08	495.08
Broadwater		181.00	100.		181.00
Columbus	220	108.00	49.1	4.40	112.40
Dalton	268	102.54	38.2	11.61	114.15
Dakota Em.	48	10.00	20.8		10.00
Dakota Salem	448	256.00	57.1	11.75	267.75
Davenport	820	350.00	41.4	12.00	362.00
Eagle	132	10.00	7.6		10.00
Emerson	548	548.00	100.	40.00	588.00
Ericson	44	15.00	34.		15.00
Falls City	1,420	452.00	31.8		452.00
Fremont	1,588	1,200.00	75.6	50.00	1,250.00
Grand Island	3,160	1,376.00	43.5		1,376.00
Gurley	264	230.00	87.1	6.20	236.20
Hampton	376	30.00	8.		30.00
Hardy	288				
Hildreth	480	49.00	10.2		49.00
Homer	440	10.00	2.3	7.81	17.81
Hooper	828	200.00	24.		200.00
Hubbard	248				
Leigh	652	208.00	31.9	20.00	228.00
Lincoln, Grace	1,364	878.00	64.3		878.00
Lincoln, St. James'	208	90.00	43.2		90.00
Lewellen	168	38.24	22.7		38.24
McCool	332	84.00	25.	10.00	94.00
Nebraska City	464	268.00	57.7	2.00	270.00
North Platte	1,784	1,784.00	100.		1,784.00
Omaha, First	980	456.00	46.5		456.00
Omaha, Grace	996	130.00	13.		130.00
Omaha, K. Mem.	10,076	3,497.00	34.7	587.60	4,084.60
Omaha, Redeemer	1,060	1,060.00	100.	5.00	1,065.00
Omaha, St. Luke's	1,820	1,064.00	58.4		1,064.00
Omaha, St. Mark's	624	420.00	67.3		420.00
Oshkosh	164	61.10	37.2		61.10
Paxton	464	464.00	100.	68.10	532.10
Ponca	892	308.00	34.5		308.00
Potter	112	31.39	28.		31.39
Rising City	624	380.56	61.		380.56
Scribner		7.00	100.	9.32	16.32
Sidney	556	278.00	50.	4.00	282.00
So. Sioux City	700	666.00	95.1		666.00
Spencer	224	109.00	48.7		109.00
Stamford	516	85.00	16.4	14.19	99.19
Stella	76	79.00	104.		79.00
Sutherland	108				
Tekamah	192				
Vacoma, St. John's	236	36.00	15.2		36.00
Verdon	472	188.70	40.	1.50	190.20
Walton	292				
Wayne	884	476.00	54.		476.00
West Point	1,204	707.18	58.7		707.18
Wilber	220	80.00	36.3		80.00
Wolbach	624	79.00	12.6		79.00
York	448	131.00	29.		131.00
W. I. Guss, Salary Refund				1,500.00	1,500.00
	$43,216	$20,355.81		$2,529.75	$22,885.56

Total % paid over entire Synod was 47.3
5 churches made no contribution to benevolence
7 churches paid 100%

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPORTIONMENT PAID

	Apportionment Paid	%
1930	$38,602	72.6
1931	26,801	48.7
1932	26,753	46.35
1933	23,017	44.25
1934	21,706	57.78
1935	19,991	48.3
1936	20,355	47.3

Respectfully submitted
F. E. Wood, Treasurer

To the Board of Trustees
The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska,
of the United Lutheran Church in America.
City.

Gentlemen:

As instructed by your President, Rev. Wm. Ira Guss, and as provided by your By-Laws, we have conducted an audit of the books and all auxiliary records of your Treasurer, Mr. F. E. Wood, for the period from January 24, 1936 (date of the last audit) to January 25, 1937 inclusive.

Our report herein consists of the following Exhibits:

Exhibit "A": Detailed statement of Receipts and Disbursements by funds for the period under audit, January 24, 1936 to January 25, 1937, inclusive.

Exhibit "B": Summary of Receipts and Disbursements and balances for the period under audit, January 24, 1936 to January 25, 1937, inclusive.

Exhibit "C": Bank Reconciliation of account in the Stephens National Bank as of January 27, 1937, which accounts for the money on hand as of January 25, 1937, per the Treasurer's books.

Our report herein agrees with the books of the Treasurer and is, in our opinion, a complete and correct accounting of all the funds handled by the Treasurer during the period mentioned above.

The Apportionment Fund has been distributed according to the percentages shown in Exhibit "A". We are assuming these percentages are as prescribed by the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
THE HANSON AUDIT COMPANY,
By Alfred L. Hanson

The Report of the Statistician was presented by the Rev. W. H. Saas. Recommendations 1 and 2 were adopted, seriatim and as a whole.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

For the third successive year your statistician is able to bring you a report that represents every congregation in Synod. Though some of them are not made out in full reports were received from every congregation. For the co-operation that has made this 100% report possible your statistician desires to express his appreciation to the brethren of Synod and especially does he wish to express his thanks and appreciation to the laymen of congregations without pastors whose interest in the work of their congregations and Synod prompted them to send in the reports from their congregations.

Your statistician would like to suggest, however:

1. That the brethren be more prompt in sending in their reports; 26 of the 58 reports came in late.

2. That the brethren exercise more care in making their reports; 36 of the 58 reports had to be corrected.

3. That the brethren write nothing to the statistician that they would not be willing to have displayed before Synod.

Following is an analysis of this year's report:

		Increase	Decrease
Congregations	58	1	
Membership			
Baptized	25,880	1,140	
Confirmed	17,988	926	
Communing	11,630	244	
Sunday Schools	58		1
Officers-Teachers	983		109
Scholars	8,979		232
Weekday Schools	21		1
Officers-Teachers	131		8
Scholars	1,163		161
Catechumens	753		198
Students			
For Ministry	11		5
In Lutheran Schools	48		19
In non-Lutheran Schools	248	49	
Financial			
Congregational Expense			
Current	$109,211		$ 951
Unusual	17,221		4,341
Total	$126,432		$5,292
Congregational Benevolence			
Apportioned	$ 20,519		$ 316
Unapportioned	9,778		1,678
Total	$ 30,297		$1,994
Total Expenditures	$156,729		$7,286

Comparison of figures from the reports of 1926, 1931 and 1936 reveals a need for greater zeal and more fervent prayer on the part of both pastors and laymen. Following are some thought provoking comparisons:

	1926	1931	1936
Percentage of confirmed members communing	70.3%	69.4%	65%
Small increase in Sunday School scholars	7,845	8,713	8,979
But there has been a decrease of 232 the past year.			
Weekday Schools have shown steady gain	4	17	21
Weekday Schools have gained in scholars	96	1010	1163
There has been a steady decrease in the number of Catechumens	1,089	972	753
There has been a very noticeable decrease in the number of our students attending Lutheran Schools	27.7%	26.7%	16.2%
There has been a marked decline in giving for all purposes during the past ten years	$263,123	$239,594	$156,729
Giving for apportioned benevolence has shown as marked a decline	$ 34,527	$ 35,830	$ 20,519
There has been a very heavy decline in			

subscriptions to official church papers during the past decade....	802	271	234

The number of students for the ministry reported this year was the smallest in more than a decade. A total of 11 was reported.

Recommendations

1. That Synod pass a standing resolution authorizing the Statistician to indicate with an asterisk those churches which fail to send in their reports on time.

2. That we accept the following resolution submitted by the Statistician and Church Year Book Committee of the United Lutheran Church in America:

Resolved, that this synod instruct its officers to notify all pastors and congregations that they are required by synodical membership to make full and correct statistical reports annually, according to standard blank furnished by the church, and that the statistical secretary of the synod is required to make a summary report from those parochial reports to the United Lutheran Church in America, not later than March 1st each year.

Therefore, these parochial reports should be in the hands of the statistical secretary of the synod not later than January 31st of each year, and failure to comply with this requirement is subject to censure.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Saas

The Report of the Necrologist was presented by Dr. L. M. Kuhns.

THE NECROLOGIST'S REPORT

With heartfelt gratitude it is reported that during the current year in the Providence of God, death has not invaded the ranks of the ministry of our Synod.

"God of our fathers . .
. . . . . .
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud and praise be ever Thine."

Respectfully submitted,
Luther M. Kuhns

The Report of the Historian was presented by Dr. L. M. Kuhns.

THE HISTORIAN'S REPORT

During the Synodical year now closing the Historian has obtained valuable additions to the historic possessions of Synod. Manuscript sketches of quite a few of our Churches have been secured; a few additional photographs have been added, and also a few programs which with the passing of years will be worth while.

Continued demands have been made on your Historian for early information relative to our Church in Nebraska. Recently he was asked for information about a Church site in possession of the Augustana Synod in Lincoln, Nebraska; and last week in response to an inquiry from the Federal Research Bureau he was called upon by the Government for data for a write-up relative to an early cemetery in which Governor Cummings, the second executive of Nebraska, had rested for a while.

During the Centennial celebration, lasting a week, in Council Bluffs, Iowa upon invitation of the Pastor, the Rev. Ralph W. Livers, on August 9th, 1936 he delivered the historical anniversary address of the founding of St. John's Lutheran Church by Rev.

George W. Snyder. This Church is one of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Memorial Churches, and was a tribute to the memory of Mrs. George W. Snyder, founder of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Iowa Synod.

On October 25th, 1936 your Historian participated in the 25th anniversary of our Church at Emerson, Rev. E. A. Vosseler, Pastor. On this occasion he delivered the historical address.

December 6th and 7th, 1936, St. Mark's, Omaha, Rev. William C. Stump, Pastor, celebrated their 50th anniversary. Your Historian who had been intimately associated with Rev. George H. Schnur, D. D., the founder, as a classmate, made a historical address.

Both of these last mentioned anniversaries were gala occasions, and participated in by visiting pastors of our own Synod and other Churches.

Other anniversaries were:

June 21, 1936 the 20th anniversary of Grace Church at Gurley, Rev. H. Dowler, Pastor.

May 10, 1936 the 50th anniversary of Trinity Church, Sidney, Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D., Pastor.

August, 1936 the 20th anniversary of Grace Church at Walton, Rev. R. E. Rangeler, Pastor.

September 6, 1936, the 30th anniversary of Grace Church, Lewellen, Rev. Clarence Alexander, Pastor.

September 27, 1936, the 30th anniversary of St. Mark's Church, Oshkosh, Rev. G. R. Flora, Pastor.

October 11, 1936, the 50th anniversary, St. Paul's, Homer, Rev. G. E. Moeller, Pastor.

January 8-10, 1937, the 20th anniversary of Our Redeemer, Omaha, Rev. Walter A. Voss, Pastor.

Kountze Memorial, Omaha, on September 6, 1936 observed the 5th anniversary of Rev. Walter H. Traub's pastorate with much rejoicing.

In addition to its 50th anniversary St. Paul's Church, Homer, Rev. G. E. Moeller, Pastor, dedicated a beautiful Altar.

I have simply mentioned the items that have come under my observation or of which I have received notice.

Your Historian now has about 300 pages of Synodical and Congregational history of our Church in Nebraska in manuscript. The history of Salem (German) Lutheran Church at Fontanelle, is in pamphlet form, and that of the First Church at Tekamah is in newspresent and read an historical sketch of the Church and Synod which are preliminary to a future possible publication.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther M. Kuhns, Historian

Recommendation 4 of the Report of the Executive Committee was adopted.

Dr. L. M. Kuhns read a portion of his outline on the History of the Nebraska Synod.

Mrs. G. B. Weaver, representative from the Women's Missionary Society, was introduced to Synod.

The President appointed the Special Committees.

The time of the morning session was extended 15 minutes.

The Report of the Executive Committee was pre-

sented by the Secretary. Recommendations 2 and 3 were adopted.

Discussion continued at length on Recommendation 5.

The Session adjourned with prayers by the Rev. George Flora and the Rev. W. S. Livers.

BUSINESS SESSION, TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Business Session Tuesday afternoon was convened at 2 p. m. Prayers were offered by the Rev. E. N. Haugse and the Rev. E. C. Mortensen.

The Minutes for Monday evening and Tuesday morning were read and approved.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel made its Report. It was voted to change the order of business so that Dr. F. H. Knubel might make his address scheduled for Wednesday morning immediately following the first ballot on the Election of Officers.

Discussion on Recommendation 5 of the Report of the Executive Committee was resumed.

A motion carried that the budget for 1938 be referred back to the Executive Committee with instructions to report in 30 minutes.

Vice-President C. B. Harman acted as Chairman and the Rev. A. W. Young as Secretary while the Executive Committee retired to work out the budget for 1938.

The Rev. Martin Schroeder and the Rev. Dr. M. A. Ritzen were introduced to Synod and accorded the privilege of the floor.

The acting Secretary read the recommendations in the Report of the Delegates to the United Lutheran Church in America at the Columbus Convention.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO U. L. C. A.

The 10th Bienniai Convention was held at Columbus, Ohio, October 14-21, 1936. All of our delegates who were present attended every session unless excused on committee duty. Dr. W. H. Traub, upon the physicians orders, was unable to attend. Dr. W. I. Guss the first alternate went in his place. Mr. Wm. Rohlfing was physically unable to attend, but did not give notice of the same, so that our delegation was short one layman. 516 delegates attended the convention and 22 were absent.

The American, Augustana, and Suomi Synods sent fraternal visitors who addressed the convention and greetings were read from the Norwegian. The European Lutheran Church was represented by two Bishops and the Secretary of the Lutheran World Convention. The matters of promoting closer relations with American Lutheran Church Bodies is in charge of a Special Commission.

The sermon, on "Changed Lives" by President F. H. Knubel, delivered at the Communion Service, was a very suggestive and helpful message.

In as much as the pastors have had access to the reports of the

U. L. C. A. Convention as printed in the Lutheran, and the Review as printed in the Year Book, and all have received a copy of the Minutes of the convention, it will be necessary only to call the attention of the Synod to a few items that concern this body.

1. The Promotional Program.

This matter was approved by the convention. All Constituent Synods are asked to co-operate whole-heartedly in all efforts to make these plans a success. Every Board and every Agency will have a part. By authority of the U. L. C. A. a committee is heading up this movement and is providing for group meetings throughout the church for the purpose of giving information concerning the program. The paper print. At this time your Historian has prepared, and desires to emphasis of the speakers shall be in this order: (1) Spiritual; (2) Educational; (3) Service, which includes life and gifts. The program is excellent and calls for possibly 9 group meetings in our Synod.

Recommendation: That this Synod heartily endorse the "Promotional Program"; that the Group Meetings within our Synod be approved; that the President of Synod be instructed to appoint a committee with power to carry out these plans; and that this committee shall co-operate with chairman, Arthur Black and arrange with him to put this program on in the early fall of 1937.

The Foreign Mission Board reported that the budget had been balanced and about $60,000 has been paid on the debt. An increased support was urged upon the grounds of unusual opportunities and upon phenominal success during the biennium.

Home Mission Parishes are in practically every state in the U. S., Canadian Provinces, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The work of planting the church is not finished. More than 50,000 of our population are untouched by the Gospel.

In answer to a request of the Board of American Missions in 1934 the Convention voted "that the Board of American Missions be given permission to make a Special Effort, during the year 1938, for Church Extension Funds." The Board is making preliminary plans and has chosen as the guiding principle of the said effort, "that the United Lutheran Church celebrate its Twentieth Anniversary with a Thank-Offering to be used in establishing an Adequate Church Extension Fund." Each Constituent Synod has been requested to appoint a committee to co-operate with the said Board.

Recommendation: "That this Synod approves of this Special Effort on the part of the Board of American Missions and now authorizes and instructs the President of Synod to appoint a committee to co-operate with the said Board."

A resolution was adopted recommending "that all Synods place their Missions and Funds in the hands of the Board of American Missions for over-sight and administration."

Recommendation: "That this Synod authorize the Missionary Committee to confer with the Board as to the advantage and advisability of placing our Missions and Funds in the hands of the Board for oversight and administration, and to report to our 1938 Convention."

The Convention voted, "that it was not unscriptural for the election of women as church officers, convention delegates or board members. For interpretation of this decision the whole matter was referred to the Adjudication Committee."

Ways of combating present day sins were suggested in the report of the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare.

Permission was granted to the Lutheran Brotherhood to make an appeal for the amount needed to pay the debt on the Iron Mountain School for Boys in Virginia, with the limitation that an appeal is made only to the Brotherhoods and similar Men's groups. The amount assigned to the men of the Nebraska Synod is $1020.00. The com-

mittee that has this matter in charge reports that $300.00 has been raised.

Recommendation: "That this project of the Lutheran Brotherhood receive the favorable consideration of the men in the Nebraska Synod."

The Convention approved the Sixth Objective adopted by the Lutheran Brotherhood at Springfield, Ohio. "The stimulation of the congregation, through educational, inspirational and promotional efforts to meet **as a minimum** the Apportionment of the church in full."

The Convention recommended, "that every Synod appoint a committee to study, to purify and to develop church music."

Recommendation: "That the President of Synod be instructed to appoint this committee."

In the light of facts and practices connected with the call of Pastors to vacant congregations, the Executive Board recommended "that the Constitutional provisions of the respective synods be complied with in the interest of orderly proceedure. To this end congregations and individuals are requested to avail themselves of the advice of the President of the respective Synods."

The Convention submitted the following amendment to the constitution to the constituent synods: "Amend Article XIII, Section 2, third sentence, by striking out the consecutive words 'two boards', and inserting the consecutive words 'one board', so that the amended sentence shall read. 'No person shall be a member of more than one board at one and the same time'."

Recommendation: That this Synod vote to approve the proposed Amendment to Article 13, Section 2 of the U. L. C. A. Constitution, and that our Secretary be instructed to notify the Secretary of the U. L. C. A. of this action.

The Convention voted to recommend "That Synodical Treasurers and Statisticians be sent as delegates to all U. L. C. A. Conventions, or be sent at the expense of the Synod."

The Conventions directed that State of the Church Blanks be distributed to the congregations for reports in 1938.

Recommendation: "That the study of the need of Lutheran Child Placing Agenices in each Synod, and the Survey of Penal Institutions —see items 2 and 4, page 302, U. L. C. A. Minutes—be referred to our Inner Mission Committee, to be reported on at the 1938 Convention.

Recommended: "That the Statistical Matters on page 452 of the Convention Minutes be referred to our Statistical Secretary with power."

Recommended: "That the Proposed New Pension Plan, Page 330-338 of Convention Minutes, be referred to the Officers of Synod with instructions to co-operate with the U. L. C. A. Special Committee and to report at the 1938 Convention."

Respectfully submitted for the delegates,
W. I. Guss

Recommendation 1 was adopted.

On Recommendations 2 and 3 action was deferred until the Rev. A. M. Knudsen, Secretary of the English Division of the Board of American Missions, might be heard. (For action on Recommendations 2 and 3 see page 40.)

Recommendations 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were adopted.

Dr. F. H. Knubel spoke to the Synod on the work of the seven Boards of the United Lutheran Church.

The Executive Committee presented a Recommendation on the budget for 1938 as a substitute for Recommendations 5 and 6 of its original Report. This substitute Recommendation was adopted.

The Report of the Executive Committee was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee has held four meetings since the last Convention of Synod.

2. All Constitutional Committees were appointed as in the 1936 Minutes.

3. All unfinished business from the last Convention referred to the Executive Committee was taken care of.

4. The Executive Committee approved the Luther League Summer Camp.

5. The Committee voted to allow the delegates to the Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America held at Columbus, Ohio, $2.50 per day for expenses.

6. Appointments were made to fill all vacancies on Committees occurring during the year.

7. The Committee secured a settlement in the Luther League Hospice situation for the sum of $750.00 which was about one half the amount actually held against the Hospice.

8. The congregation at Snyder, Nebraska, having met the requirements laid down by Synod, was enrolled as a member of Synod.

9. President W. I. Guss, Rev. H. C. Cordts and Rev. J. C. Miller were appointed to protect the Synod's rights on the Pawnee property and make such disposal of it as deemed advisable.

10. The Hanson Audit Company of Fremont, Nebraska, was employed to audit the books of Treasurer F. E. Wood.

Recommendations

1. That only the recommendations attached to Committee Reports be read on the floor of Synod and voted on.

2. That 800 copies of the Minutes of the 1937 Convention of Synod be printed.

3. That $100.00 be appropriated by Synod for Student Work in non-Lutheran schools.

4. That Dr. L. M. Kuhns, Synodical Historian, be granted the privilege of presenting an outline on a proposed "History of the Nebraska Synod" on the floor of our Convention.

5. That the Synodical Budget for 1938 be as follows:

United Lutheran Church in America	$30,940.00	50%
Midland College	12,376.00	20%
Synodical Treasury	8,044.40	13%
Tabitha Home	6,188.00	10%
Missionary Committee	3,094.00	5%
Ministerial Education Committee	1,237.60	2%
Total	$61,880.00	100%

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas D. Rinde, Secretary

In accordance with the budget adopted by Synod the Apportionment Table for 1938 is as follows:

Communing membership reported in 1937	11,630
Budget	$61,880

The allotment to the churches is as follows:

Allen	$ 638	Omaha, First	1,511
Auburn	926	Omaha, Grace	1,378
Beatrice	607	Omaha, K. M.	13,209
Benedict	888	Omaha, L. M.	202
Broadwater	457	Omaha, Redeemer	2,133
Columbus	382	Omaha, St. Luke's	2,288
Dalton	447	Omaha, S. Mark's	681
Dakota City Emmanuel	27	Oshkosh	138
Dakota City, Salem	590	Paxton	766
Davenport	1,129	Ponca	1,202
Eagle	202	Potter	145
Emerson	772	Rising City	803
Ericson	59	Scribner	607
Falls City	2,340	Sidney	739
Fremont	2,383	Snyder	
Grand Island	4,256	South Sioux City	920
Gurley	378	Spencer	431
Hampton	372	Stamford	590
Hardy	393	Stella	117
Hildreth	527	Sutherland	138
Homer	665	Tekamah	255
Hooper	1,203	Vacoma	298
Hubbard	410	Verdon	596
Leigh	920	Walton	415
Lincoln, Grace	2,304	Wayne	1,170
Lincoln, St. James'	319	West Point	1,819
Lewellen	277	Wilber	293
McCool Jct.	500	Wolbach	728
Nebraska City	596	York	638
North Platte	2,686		

Thomas D. Rinde, Secretary

Mr. Gus Prestegaard was nominated for lay-member on the Executive Committee.

The time of the session was extended to 5:30 p. m.

The tellers reported 55 votes cast for lay-member on the Executive Committee. Mr. Gus Prestegaard received 50, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Mr. Prestegaard elected.

The Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was presented by Dr. C. B. Harman. The Recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

On July 10, 1936 the Convenor, Dr. C. B. Harman asked the members of the committee to cast their vote by mail for officers of the committee. The following were elected: Dr. C. B. Harman as chairman, Rev. W. C. Heidenreich as treasurer and Rev. A. W. Young as Secretary.

The Committee distributed the funds turned over by the treasurer of Synod as follows: Leeland Soker, Paul Wharton, Blaine Simon, Alfred L. Mendenhall, $100.00 each and to Lawrence Vosseler $125.

Alfred Mendenhall and Blaine Simon graduate from the Seminary this year. The following have informally made application for aid the next year. Paul Wharton, Leeland Soker, Lawrence Vosseler and Milton Moore.

The Treasurer makes the following report:

Balance May 11, 1936 ..... $322.17

Receipts from Synodical Treasurer	517.20	
Total	$839.37	
Disbursements		
By Check to Beneficiaries		$525.00
Balance on hand		314.37
		$839.37

Cancelled notes have been returned to the following: R. R. Weismiller, Paul O. Machetzki, Geo. J. Dorn, Fritz Nolte, W. F. Hermann, J. J. Raun, Fred Block, A. O. Frank, Max Harder and Walter Voss.

Alfred W. Young, Secretary

The Report of the Committee on New Congregations and Pastoral Charges was presented by Dr. G. B. Weaver. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CONGREGATIONS AND PASTORAL CHARGES

Your Committee reports as follows:

1. The Emmanuel Lutheran congregation of Snyder was regularly dismissed from the German Nebraska Synod, and adopted a constitution in harmony with our Synodical constitution and was satisfactory with the pastor loci and the President of Synod, and was received into our Synod according to the action of Synod last year; see 1936 minutes, page 32.

2. St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Oshkosh desired to have their constitution to harmonize with that of the Synod. Instead of amending it they rewrote it. The committee examined it and found it to be all right and returned it to the congregation with the committee's approval.

3. Grace Lutheran Church of Lewellen desired to have their constitution amended so as to harmonize with that of the Synod. The committee examined it as amended and found it to be all right. It was returned to the congregation with the committee's approval.

Respectfully submitted,
G. B. Weaver, Chairman.

The Report of the Protocol Committee was presented by the Rev. J. C. Hershey. Rev. W. A. Voss called attention to the fact that the dates of his ordination and his entrance into Synod were not correct in the Minutes.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL

Your committee has examined the Printed Minutes of the 64th Convention of Synod and compared it with the Protocol. We find the following omission:

In the Roll of Synod, the name of H. C. Cordts, ordained in 1926 and entered Synod in 1925, and the lay delegate, Charles Werner, both from St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Falls City do not appear in the Printed Minutes.

The dates for the ordination of Rev. W. A. Voss and his entering Synod were turned about.

All other items in the Protocol appear in the Printed Minutes, which by action of Synod are intended to appear.

Respectfully submitted,
John C. Hershey

The Report of the Synodical Paper Committee was presented by Dr. W. I. Guss. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL PAPER COMMITTEE

The "Nebraska Synod Lutheran" was published four times since the last meeting of Synod at a cost of $348.33, or less than five cents to send the paper into each of the 7,300 homes of our Synod.

The members of the "Synodical Paper Committee" will be the reporters of this Synodical Convention to the public press and official church papers.

Recommendation

That, the "Nebraska Synod Lutheran" be continued and published quarterly under the direction of the committee on "Synodical Paper", with the understanding that the committee keep in mind the instruction given in the Constitution of our Synod, Article 9, Section (K), Page 29.

W. I. Guss

The Report of the Parish and Church School Committee was presented by Dr. G. N. Mendenhall. Recommendations 1 and 2 were adopted. Recommendation 3 was stricken out. Action on Recommendation 4 was deferred until the Amendment pertaining to this Committee was voted on. Recommendation 5 was adopted.

(For action on Recommendation 4 see page 48.)

REPORT OF THE PARISH AND CHURCH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Although your committee did not have any meetings during the synodical year, there has been some activity by members of the committee.

Under the sponsorship of one member of the committee, a youth Conference was held at Beatrice last fall. The conference was attended by 110 persons most of whom were young people from 9 churches. Plans are being made for the organization of a Lutheran Church School Association for this district which will lie between the Southeastern District and the Central District, both of which are already organized and functioning, and in both of which the schools of both the English Nebraska Synod and the German Nebraska Synod participate harmoniously and helpfully. An effort will be made to organize a district Lutheran Association for the congregations in the northeastern part of the state during the next month or two, perhaps during May if the plans can be made.

The Western District combined its meeting with that of the Western Conference of Synod, discussing the general theme, "Soul Winning through Parish Education". Various phases of the subject were presented.

The Parish Education Survey conducted by the Parish and Church School Board, in which your committee cooperated, is now available. It consists of a 26-page mimeographed report. Some parts of the Report are attached to this report as supplementary information particularly applicable to this Synod.

During the month of March there was mailed to the pastors of Synod, a leaflet on Reaching Unreached through the Extension Division and also a mimeographed sheet pertaining the making of class tables for Church School classes.

During this convention of Synod, two amendments suggested by the committee are to be considered (see page 26 of the 1936 minutes).

Recommendations

1. That each pastorate, in 1937, make a special effort to observe Parish Education Month with a view to giving to each member of the congregation a wide vision of the whole program of the church.

2. That a special effort be made during the next synodical year to have at least one or more Leadership Education Classes in each congregation.

3. That the Committee on Parish Education, when officially authorized by the Amendments, shall be so constituted by appointment, that each Conference shall be represented on the Committee and that the terms of office, at the time of appointments, shall be for one, two, and three years and that no member of the committee shall serve more than two consecutive terms. The number of members on the committee shall be not less than three and not more than six.

4. That this Committee shall convene during the Midland Assembly to plan its work for the Synodical Year.

C. H. B. Lewis, Chairman

The tellers reported 70 ballots cast for President. The Rev. J. C. Hershey received 42, a necessary majority for election. Rev. Hershey was declared elected President.

The Session adjourned with prayers by the Rev. E. H. Gilmer and the Rev. W. W. Alexander.

At 6 o'clock Tuesday evening a banquet was sponsored by the Lutheran Brotherhood. Several brief talks were given at the banquet.

THE SERVICE TUESDAY EVENING

At 8 o'clock Tuesday evening the service was in charge of the Rev. Foster L. Cress, pastor loci. Dr. F. H. Knubel addressed the congregation on the theme "What God hath joined together let not man put asunder".

BUSINESS SESSION, WEDNESDAY MORNING

At 8:45 a special service of penitence and prayer was in charge of Chaplain W. A. Voss. The theme of the Chaplain's message was "Simply to Thy Cross I Cling".

The Business Session was convened at 10:35.

The roll was called, 43 pastors and 22 lay-delegates being present.

The Minutes of Tuesday afternoon's Session and Tuesday evening were read and approved.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel read the order of business for the Session.

The Report of the Stewardship Committee was presented by the Rev. F. C. Wiegman. It was voted to adopt the Recommendations seriatim.

Recommendation 1 was lost. Recommendation 2 was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act. Recommendations 3, 4, 5, and 6 were adopted. The Report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Your Committee understands its responsibilities to be those of

conveying to Synod the activities of the Laymen's Movement for Stewardship of the general body, and of inspiring activity within the congregations of Synod.

The Laymen's Movement, during 1934-6, promoted in literature and contact the fundamentals of Christian stewardship and reports that "more attention is being given the subject of Christian stewardship by pastors, Church and synodical officials." The report shows that "more information and literature were requested this bi-ennium than during any previous one."

Major emphasis is still being placed by the Movement on the Every Member Canvass. "In five of the 29 English speaking synods," reads the report, every pastor ordered Every Member Canvass literature. Five synods were in the 90% class; 8 in the 80%; six in the 70%; four in the 60%; and only one below 60%." The Movement revised the Canvass set-up in late 1935 and each pastor was sent a copy of the outline. This Committee urges consideration of the fact that the Canvass is based on fact: there is not a word of theory in it. It works.

There has been an increase in the amount of literature published. 2,650,000 copies in 1935; as against 2,289,000 in 1934. Six standard pamphlets are available in the "First Steps in Christian Stewardship" series. Most popular have been Numbers 1, 2, and 3. Newest is "The Stewardship of Tithing."

The Family Altar Movement has gained wide-spread support. 490,000 copies of the folder, "Christ in the Home" have been distributed on request. Supporting the Family Altar is the daily devotional booklet, "Light for Today". The Laymen's Movement does not issue this booklet, but co-operates in its promotion.

For the use of pastors and congregational organizations, the Laymen's Movement urges the use of the Calendar of Special Days and Seasons, which is printed in the Yearbook. In the Calendar, the work of the eight boards is specially presented during a designated period of the church year. By its use the interests of the local parish, the Synod, and the general body are harmonized and inter-locked.

The Laymen's Movement worked out regional meetings for pastors and laymen in the nature of round-table discussions. Ten such meetings were held in our Synod, with a total attendance of 620. The Movement stands ready to promote such meetings again during this bi-ennium.

So much for the activities of the Laymen's Movement. Come now to the Nebraska Synod, particularly.

Your Committee notes, first, that the benevolent program of the Synod is failing miserably. Out of 33 synods in the U. L. C. A., our Synod stands 28th in the percentage of apportionment paid. Below us are two Canadian Synods and three foreign language synods.

Your Committee notes, second, that the status of the apportionment in our Synod has progressively decreased. No sudden drop has taken place; the condition is becoming chronic. From $21,000 plus paid in 1931, Synod has fallen to $7,000 plus, paid in 1936. Despite a boasted and publicized increase in membership, Synod's congregations have fallen sixty percent in their contributions to the apportionment within five years.

To analyze the situation into particulars, Synod with more than 11,000 communing members last year paid less than $8,000 upon the apportionment. Or each communing member paid less than 80 cents for the year.

Let our pastors consider this shameful condition and arouse themselves and their people to remedy the situation.

Recommendations

1. That a Stewardship Advisor be appointed to visit the pastors

and church councils to discuss the local conditions and lend his efforts to improving the same.

2. That Conference devote a greater portion of their consideration to Stewardship problems, in both spiritual and financial phases.

3. That the Calendar of Special Days and Seasons be followed as consistently by pastors as local conditions will permit.

4. That regional meetings along the lines of those held within the past two years be continued; and that the responsibility for their promotion be laid upon the officials of the Synod.

5. That the Every Member visitation be resolutely encouraged and employed, and that special drives be discouraged within our congregations until the apportionment has been secured.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred C. Wiegman

The tellers reported 58 ballots cast for Vice-President. Dr. C. B. Harman received 45, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Dr. Harman elected.

The Report of the Evangelism Committee was presented by the Rev. A. H. Pinkall. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The appointment of the present chairman of this committee came too late for anything definite to be done. Other than using the Nebraska Synod Lutheran as a medium several times, nothing was done by this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. Pinkall

The Report of the Midland Assembly Board was presented by Rev. T. D. Rinde. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE MIDLAND ASSEMBLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Midland Assembly for Church Workers held its Fourteenth Annual Session August 2-7, 1936.

A strong program was offered by the following faculty: Dr. C. H. B. Lewis, Field Secretary of the Parish and Church School Board; Rev. Paul J. Hoh, Editor of the Christian Life Course and the Lutheran Leadership Courses; Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Wood, Missionaries on furlough from India; Rev. L. H. Steinhoff, President of the Rocky Mountain Synod; Rev. M. A. Getzendaner of Davenport, Iowa; Rev. J. C. Hershey of Davenport, Nebraska; Mrs. David R. Kabele of Wilmette, Illinois; Miss Lillian E. Dentinger of Harrisburg, Pa.; Miss Amanda Jorn of Falls City, Nebraska.

Registrations reached a high mark in the history of the Assembly, a total of 335—33 in the Junior Assembly, 49 in the Youth Assembly and 253 in the Senior Division.

The Youth Assembly for the 12-15 age group was a new feature in the Assembly Program. It proved very worthwhile.

The Women's Missionary Society and the Lutheran Brotherhood held their Annual Conventions during Assembly week. The Young Women's Congress was also held on Wednesday, August 5.

The Fifteenth Annual Midland Assembly will be held August 1-6, 1937. The Rev. A. M. Knudsen, Secretary of the English Division of the Board of American Missions, will conduct "The Pastors' Hour" and will give two or three other addresses. Miss Faith Lippard, Missionary on furlough from Japan, will teach the Foreign Mission Study Book and will tell of the work of our Church in Japan. The Devotional period will be in charge of the Rev. F. C. Wiegman. Dr. C. H. B.

Lewis will direct the Youth Assembly. Miss Amanda Jorn will supervise the Junior Assembly. The Advanced Lutheran Leadership Course "Our Congregation and Its Work" will be taught by Rev. J. C. Hershey. Mrs. A. M. Knudsen will teach the Home Mission Study Book and the Elementary Lutheran Leadership Course "My Materials". Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Wood may also be on the Assembly Faculty this year.

The Annual Conventions of the Women's Missionary Society and the Lutheran Brotherhood will be held during Assembly Week.

Thomas D. Rinde, President of Midland Assembly

The Report of the Committee on Young People's Work was presented by the Rev. E. C. Mortensen. The Report was referred back to the Committee for additional items.

The Rev. W. M. Daubenspeck, CCC Chaplain, spoke to Synod briefly on his work.

The tellers reported 64 votes cast for Secretary. The Rev. T. D. Rinde received 59, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Rev. Rinde elected.

A motion carried that Mrs. G. B. Weaver be heard as the representative of the Nebraska Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Weaver brought greetings from the Women's Missionary Society. Rev. J. C. Hershey responded to the greetings from the Women's Missionary Society.

Greetings from the Rocky Mountain Synod were brought to Synod by Dr. W. T. Kahse. A motion carried that the Secretary wire greetings to the Rocky Mountain Synod assembled in Convention at El Paso, Texas.

The Report of the Missionary Committee was presented by Dr. W. I. Guss.

Recommendations 1 and 2 were adopted.

The tellers reported 56 ballots cast for Statistician. The Rev. W. H. Saas received 51, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Rev. Saas elected.

Recommendation 3 of the Missionary Committee Report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

Three meetings of the committee were held. The officers are Mr. O. Nelson, President; Mr. Albert Hedelund, Treasurer; and W. I. Guss, Secretary and Missionary Superintendent. We herewith submit a summary of what is usually given in this report.

Broadwater. Organized in July, 1934. Rev. Werner Jessen is the pastor. The year ended with all current bills paid. A natural gas heater, with electric thermostat was installed in the chapel. 30 new Common Service books were purchased. The pastor now resides in a six room, modern, frame house,—one of the best built houses in the town. The property is located across the street from the church and has on it a double garage. The cost of the property was $2,500, which is very reasonable, and it has been financed on very easy terms. The basement has been remodelled so as to provide a place for part of the church school and for young people and women's meetings. There is an outside entrance and the place is heated with

natural gas. The pastor has been very active in his efforts to develop this parish. Three catechetical classes were under instruction. There has been an increase in the school and church attendance and in membership. The confirmed membership is ———. The future prospects of this mission are very good.

Columbus. Organized 1931. Rev. E. A. Dorner has been the pastor since December 2, 1936. Rev. W. S. Livers relinquished his parish activities on this field November 10, 1936. He was the first pastor and during his pastorate a substantial group of members were received. The work was well organized, the property purchased and the chapel erected. He left the parish in good shape for his successor. 20 adults were received. The confirmed membership is now 96 and 72 members communed. The average morning church attendance for March was 70 and that of the school 42. $682 were paid on the debt and interest, and $125 was paid for material for the parsonage repairs. All current bills are paid. The pastor is a busy man and the future is propitious.

Scribner. Organized April, 1935. Rev. A. W. Young is the pastor. The congregation is still worshipping in a theater building. Since the new octagonal pulpit and the altar, with an electrically lighted cross, have been installed the room has a decidedly churchly appearance. There were 54 adult accessions. The confirmed membership is 164 and 150 communed. The average attendance for the morning service during March was 167, at mid-week service 40, and at the school 100. All current bills are paid. The pastor writes "I have 200 names as prospects for membership, on my files." 308 pastoral calls were made for the quarter ending March 31. What this congregation could do if they had a church building can only be conjectured. The above report does not include Pastor Young's work in the Snyder congregation which he also serves.

Spencer. Organized in 1930. Rev. R. V. Davis is the pastor. This congregation has been going forward. In this community where some thought there was no use for us to try to develop a congregation, the pastor reports 202 confirmed members. Adult accessions since the last meeting of Synod are 31 and of these 11 were by baptism. 101 are communing members. $200 were paid on the debt and $109 on apportioned benevolence. All current bills are paid. The pastor organized the Spencer Boy's Scouts, and is the Scout Master. The average attendance at morning church services in March was 110 and at the school 58. The pastor writes, "Interest in church never was better since we have been here."

South Sioux City. Organized in 1920. This congregation became self-sustaining after Pastor A. H. Pinkall moved from the parish, April 30, 1936. This parish received aid from the Board for the pastor's salary since it was organized. The church also received assistance from the Church Extension Funds of the Board.

Ericson. This committee requested the Board of American Missions to give aid for a pastor to the amount of $10.00 per month for one year. Not having received a reply, your committee voted to pay $5.00 toward "the Supply Pastor's expenses for Ericson, Nebraska every two weeks * * * if this amount is needed to supplement the amount the congregation may pay."

Lyons. Services were held in this town, but owing to circumstances they were discontinued after February 7. The committee may make another attempt to organize this field later.

Upon the request of our committee the Board of American Missions granted an Emergency Donation of $200 to the Hidreth Congregation for the Pastor; and the Board will grant the same amount for Tekamah when a pastor is called.

Recommendations

1. That, it shall be a standing rule of this Synod when a Mission Congregation shall build or buy a house of worship, then the

Missionary Committee shall have authority to solicit a "Special Offering" for the Mission from every congregation of the Nebraska Synod.

2. That, if at any time a congregation of this Synod shall be unable to pay the expense of supply preaching, or the salary of the pastor, then the President of Synod shall refer such congregation to the Missionary Committee with power to act.

3. That, a rising vote of appreciation be given by Synod to the Students of Western Theological Seminary and other ministers who have supplied with preaching, some of our small congregations without any remuneration, during these days of economic depression.

The Board of American Missions has alloted to our Synod $1,700 for the year 1937. A balance of $260 can be used for New Work. The Joint Committee on Inter-Synodical Mission work voted that our Synodical Committee be given the privilege of developing several fields this coming year.

Attached hereto is the Treasurer's and Auditor's reports.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,
W. I. Guss, Secretary

The Report of the Treasurer of the Missionary Committee and the Auditor's Report were adopted.

THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA—OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Treasurer's Report for the Period May 1st, 1936 to March 31st, 1937
Depository: United States National Bank, Omaha, Nebraska

Receipts

Checking Account:

Received from Ev. Luth. Synod of Nebr. on apportionment —special	$ 300.00
Received from Ev. Luth. Synod of Nebr. on apportionment —regular	970.99
Received from Snyder Church	37.01
Received from Lyons Mission	10.24
Total receipts during this period	$1,318.24
Balance on hand April 30, 1936	140.49
Receipts plus balance	$1,458.78

Disbursements

For period May 1st, 1936 to March 31st, 1937—

Columbus Mission—moving expense for Rev. Dorner	$ 20.00
Columbus Mission—salary	413.33
W. I. Guss—salary	275.00
W. I. Guss—expense items Scotts Bluff	15.15
W. I. Guss—expense items Gresham	11.25
W. I. Guss—expense items Columbus	1.25
W. I. Guss—Expense items general	2.50
W. I. Guss—expense items Scribner	2.55
W. I. Guss—expense items Sutherland	8.11
Committee Members—expense attending meetings	23.15
Treasurer's Bond	5.00
Bank Debit—Service charges	2.00
Lyons, Nebr.—Expense Items	156.60
St. James Mission, Lincoln, Nebr—interest and attorney commission	275.90
Total Disbursements during this period	$1,211.79
$1,458.73 less $1,211.79 leaves BALANCE ON HAND CHECKING ACCOUNT	246.94
	$1,458.78

Savings Account:
May 1st, 1936 to March 31st, 1937

Receipts

Interest on account for one year	$ 5.33
Balance on hand April 30th, 1936	533.31
Receipts plus balance on hand	$ 538.64

Disbursements

None	
Balance on hand March 31st, 1937, is therefore	$ 538.64
TOTAL MONIES ON HAND MARCH 31st, 1937—	
IN CHECKING ACCOUNT	246.94
IN SAVINGS ACCOUNT	538.64
TOTAL	$ 785.58

There are no outstanding bills at this date.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert Hedelund, Treasurer

Omaha, Nebraska, April 28, 1937

To the Missionary Committee
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

This is to certify that I have this day (April 28, 1937) audited the books of your treasurer. I find the records well and neatly kept. All is in order and in balance.

The balance on hand in the checking account with the United States National Bank of Omaha is $246.94 as of March 31, 1937.

The balance on hand in the savings account (number 84441 with the savings department of the United States National Bank of Omaha, Nebr.) is $538.64.

The total balance on hand as of March 31, 1937 is $785.58.

Respectfully
V. B. Elseffer

The Report of the Inter-Synodical Joint Committee on Missions was presented by Dr. W. I. Guss. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF INTER SYNODICAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

One meeting of the committee was held April 19, 1937 at the Y. M. C. A., Omaha. The committee members are Revs. M. Koolen, M. Schroeder and F. C. Schuldt of the German Nebraska Synod; and Revs. G. B. Weaver, W. I. Guss and Mr. Otto Nelson of the Nebraska Synod. The chairman is Professor Jos. Alexis. Two requests from the German Synod Executive Committee were:

A. " * * * give a full and complete definition and interpretation of the phrase: "No surveys shall be made" * * * as found in the Articles of Inter-Synodical Agreement". It was voted "That we interpret the term "Survey" to mean a thorough house to house canvass".

B. " * * * To assign the territory west of State Highway No. 21 and south of the Platte River within the boundaries of Nebraska to the German Nebraska Synod for prospective Mission Work." It was voted "that the request be granted".

It was voted, "that the time be extended for another year to the Nebraska Synod to survey the following fields and develop mission work if deemed advisable: David City, Superior, Alliance, Scottsbluffs, Gehring, Mitchell, Bridgeport and Lyons."

Two meetings of the committee are to be held each year, one in April and the other in October.

W. I. Guss

The Rev. H. C. Cordts reported on the present status of the Pawnee property. The Report was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Letters and Papers was presented by Dr. P. W. H. Frederick. The Report was adopted.

The Report of the Foreign Missions Committee was presented by the Rev. W. A. Voss. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Your Committee in cooperation with the President of Synod sent to all pastors and Sunday School Superintendents a special letter emphasizing the appeal of the Board of Foreign Missions during the Epiphany season.

The Committee urges all pastors and congregations to make every effort possible to raise the full apportioned benevolence so that the cause of Foreign Missions and other benevolent causes do not suffer.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter A. Voss, Chairman

The Report of the Committee on Church Architecture was presented by the Rev. W. T. Kahse. The Report was adopted.

The Report of the Inner Mission Committee was presented by the Rev. W. A. Klink. The Report was adopted.

INNER MISSION COMMITTEE

Your committee desires again to commend the work that is being done by Tabitha Home. Last year the amount of canned fruits and vegetables were half that of former years. We urge that congregations do their utmost in supplying this institution with the necessities of life.

Tabitha Home is fortunate in having secured the services of Dr. M. A. Ritzen as its new superintendent. Dr. Ritzen is thoroughly familiar with Inner Mission work.

During the past year our nation was shocked by the devastation that came as a result of the floods in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys. Thousands of dollars of damage came as a result. Inner Mission Board through its workers came to the rescue of Lutheran congregations and pastors by setting up relief stations and soliciting funds. Much work remains to be done. Our Synod contributed a little over $750.00.

We call your attention to a recommendation that was presented at the U. L. C. A. convention at Columbus, Ohio. It deals with the merging of the Inner Mission Board with the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare and the Committee on Evangelism.

"And that the Board of Deaconess Work and the Inner Mission Board, or the new agency if merger be approved, correlate their work in a practical and efficient manner under the supervision of the Executive Board of the U. L. C. in America". Under this set up it appears that the Inner Mission Board will lose its identity.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. Klink, Chairman

The Session adjourned at 11:30 with prayers by Dr. G. K. Rubrecht and the Rev. E. F. Rohlfing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Executive Session of Synod convened at 11:40 Wednesday morning.

The Session was opened with prayers by the Rev. C. H. Berhenke and the Rev. H. Dumler.

The Report of the Examining Committee was presented by the Rev. A. W. Young.

Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, were adopted. Recommendation 6 was adopted as amended.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Allen, Nebraska, May 3, 1937

The Examining Committee met at 3:00 p. m. in First Lutheran Church, Allen, Nebraska. Members present were H. C. Cordts, G. K. Rubrecht, J. C. Miller, G. B. Weaver, W. A. Voss and A. W. Young. Rev. G. K. Rubrecht opened the meeting with prayer.

The candidates presenting themselves for examination were Blaine Simon, Alfred Mendenhall, Paul Wharton, Vance Baird, Leeland Soker.

The Committee recommends the following:

1. That Blaine Simon, having passed a satisfactory examination and having received a call to become pastor of First Evangelical Lutheran Church of York, Nebraska, be ordained at this convention of Synod.

2. That Alfred Mendenhall having passed a satisfactory examination, but having received no call, be ordained by the officers of Synod when he receives a call.

3. That Leeland Soker having received a call to serve as supply pastor at Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska, and having passed a satisfactory examination be licensed for one year.

4. That Vance Baird having passed a satisfactory examination and having received a call to assist Rev. A. B. Schwertz at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa be licensed for one year.

5. That Paul Wharton having passed a satisfactory examination, but not having a call, be licensed by the officers of Synod when he receives a call.

6. That Rev. Theodore Scholz, a missionary of our U. L. C. A. in Kiachow, Shantung, China, at the request of the Board of Foreign Missions of the U. L. C. A. be admitted into the membership of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, when the requirements of the constitution are met.

Respectfully submitted,
H. C. Cordts, Chairman

The Session adjourned with prayers by the Rev. W. C. Stump and the Rev. W. S. Livers.

BUSINESS SESSION, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Business Session Wednesday afternoon was convened at 2 o'clock with Vice-President C. B. Harman in the Chair.

Prayers were offered by the Rev. A. W. Young and the Rev. L. H. deFreese.

There was no roll call.

The Minutes of the Wednesday morning Session were read and approved. A motion carried that the Executive Committee act on the Minutes of the Executive Session.

The tellers reported 53 ballots cast for Historian. Dr. L. M. Kuhns received 42 votes, a necessary majority for election. The Chairman declared Dr. Kuhns elected.

The Report of the Young People's Committee was read by the Secretary. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE

Your committee wishes to report that in the past year its only activity was that of individual efforts of committee members in the direction of encouragement for young people, that they be faithful to their Lord and His Church.

Also, that since the Luther League of Nebraska has appealed to the Executive Committee of Synod to confer with the Executive Committee of the Luther League in all projects planned by the Luther League,

We recommend that the Young People's Committee be recognized as the representative of Synod to the Luther League of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. Mortensen

The Report of the Committee on Student Work in non-Lutheran Schools was read by Dr. G. K. Rubrecht. The Rev. R. E. Rangeler, Lutheran Student Secretary at the University of Nebraska, spoke to this Report. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT WORK IN NON-LUTHERAN INSTITUTIONS

The Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church recognizes that a most important phase of its far flung work is that done today in State Universities and other non-Lutheran educational institutions.

Student work at the University of Nebraska continues to be carried on under a committee of pastors and laymen representing the interests of the United Lutheran Church, the Augustana Synod, the United Danish Synod and the American Lutheran Church. The committee meets monthly in the office of the Rev. Ralph E. Rangeler, the Student Secretary.

During the 1936-37 school year, 544 undergraduate and graduate students gave the Lutheran Church as their church or their preference. These are divided as follows: U. L. C. 132, Augustana Synod 69; American Lutheran 42; Danish 17; Synodical Conference 165, other bodies 16; preference only 58; unclassified 45.

The work of our Student Committee is church centered and seeks to establish contact with the local church and the student. The secretary in no way seeks to act as a pastor to the student.

A reception is given within a week or so after the opening of school to all Lutheran students, a list of Lutheran students with names, addresses and available information is prepared for the use

of each local pastor, contacts are made as rapidly as possible, and we sponsor the activities of the Lutheran Student Fellowship Club. The group meets once a month, is affiliated with the Lutheran Student Association of America, sends delegates to its regional conferences. Attendance ranges from 25 to 45.

The University shows its interest in this work by providing office space in the Temple Building, phone rent being the only item of expense in this connection.

The Budget adopted for 1937-38 is $420.00, the same as last year, and again the Committee would ask for your continued interest and financial support. Following is the budget: Board of Education, U. L. C. $200; Synod of Nebraska, U. L. C. $100; Augustana $75; United Danish Synod $25; American Lutheran Church $20.

Respectfully submitted, for committee,
G. K. Rubrecht

The Rev. A. M. Knudsen, Secretary of English Missions of the Board of American Missions addressed Synod. The Rev. Knudsen spoke chiefly concerning "The Department of Research and Survey", a new department of the Board of American Missions, and the "1938 Special Campaign for Church Extension Funds" to be put on by the Board of American Missions.

The tellers reported 55 ballots cast for Treasurer. Mr. F. E. Wood received 53, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Mr. Wood elected.

Recommendations 2 and 3 of the Report of the Delegates to the United Lutheran Church Convention were adopted. Action on these two recommendations had been deferred until the Rev. A. M. Knudsen had been heard. The Report was adopted as a whole.

The Report of the Trustees of Midland College was presented by the Rev. J. C. Hershey. A motion carried that the Recommendations be considered seriatim. The Report was referred back to the Trustees.

The Report of the Trustees of Tabitha Home was presented by the Rev. R. E. Rangeler. The Recommendation was adopted. Dr. M. A. Ritzen, Superintendent of Tabitha Home, spoke to Synod on the work of Tabitha Home, especially referring to the proposed building for girls. The Report was adopted as a whole as amended.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TABITHA HOME

The blessing of our Lord upon the work the Church is doing through the instrumentality of Tabitha Home has been evident during the past year. After almost two years without the services of a full-time Superintendent, Dr. M. A. Ritzen took over these duties in September of 1936, with installation services held at the Home on the 27th of September.

Dr. Ritzen has taken hold of this work with enthusiasm and energy and his efforts have already been richly blessed.

During the year Tabitha Home gave care and shelter to 78 aged men and women and 79 children. Eleven aged passed on to the eternal life during the year. At the end of the year 54 children and 55 aged were living at Tabitha Home.

During 1936 a sprinkler system was installed in the main building at a cost of $4,030.00 This offers the greatest possible protection of life and property and will soon pay for itself in reduction of insurance rates. It is a safety measure that we longed for and the installation was made without damage to the building and with little disturbance to the guests at Tabitha Home. Many other repairs were made on both buildings and many trees on the grounds had to be replaced.

Four Deaconesses are now serving Tabitha Home. Sister Harriet Franklin, the latest addition to the staff, has served many years in hospitals and Congregations, which makes her an ideal worker for our institution.

The treasurer's report reveals that we have been able to pay all our bills and that our current expenditures for the year were only $250.00 more than receipts. Total receipts amounted to $28,104.00. Considering all things this means that Tabitha had a very successful year. The Synod of Nebraska contributed $2,276.71 through the apportionment and $1,152.21 through special contributions besides the very generous contributions of all kinds of supplies of food and clothing.

We owe many thanks to those in charge of the buying and active supervision of the Home for their economy and good management.

Recommendation

We recommend that Dr. M. A. Ritzen, Superintendent of Tabitha Home be welcomed into the Congregation and Pulpits of Synod with his message concerning the Inner Mission Work of the Church and the needs of Tabitha Home.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. Rangeler

The Report of the Trustees of Midland College was presented again by the Rev. J. C. Hershey. Recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

The tellers reported 49 ballots cast for lay-Trustee to Tabitha Home. Mr. Wm. Tegtmeyer received 41, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Mr. Tegtmeyer elected.

Dr. H. F. Martin, President of Midland College and Western Seminary, spoke to Synod on the Report of the Trustees of Midland College. The Report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF MIDLAND COLLEGE TRUSTEES

Midland College was founded in Atchison, Kansas, September 15, 1887. Observance of its fiftieth anniversary will begin May 2 of this year. The program on May 2 will commemorate the meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Synod's Board of Education in St. Louis, when plans were made to establish a Lutheran College west of the Mississippi. A public program will be held in Fremont with Dr. F. H. Knubel, New York City, President of the United Lutheran Church in America, as the speaker. The celebration of Midland's Golden Jubilee will be climaxed at the 1938 Commencement. Practically each month and each outstanding event will feature this notable era in the College history. Founder's Day, September 15th of this year, will be outstanding. Parent's Day, Home Coming Day, Jubilee Thanksgiving, Alumni Musicale Day, Charter Day, Pastors-Students Conference, Prospective Student Rallies, Church Hook-ups, Chapel Assemblies, Church Women's Organizations, Civic Clubs, Educational Symposiums and many other occasions and or-

ganizations will carry the Midland motif. Each semester will open with a Jubilee theme.

The celebration contemplates the careful collection of papers, pictures and the like of historical significance, establishment of Jubilee scholarships, weekly broadcasts, a Hall of Fame, sponsoring of teas by women's organizations, class reunions, erection of Midland markers, visit to the State capitol and presentation to Nebraska of a gift symbolizing Midland.

The program calls for special services in the Churches of the constituent Synods the last two weeks of May 1938, All-Friends Day, Class reunions and Alumni Day, Better Education Day, Pastors Week (when all pastors are asked to come), Historical Day with display of Midland memorabilia, unveiling of a memorial tablet to the Founders and pictures of Midland presidents, a beautiful historical pageant and Golden Jubilee Commencement.

The Golden Jubilee slogan is: "Fifty Years of Christian Achievement."

Financial Campaign

Your trustees ask your careful consideration of a modification of the Midland financial plan and campaign approved at the last session of Synod. It is impractical to finance the building of a men's dormitory through any Insurance, Loan, Credit or Mortgage company. The interest rate is prohibitive. Such companies hesitate to assume the risk. Moreover, the building of a dormitory by such a plan would mean the accumulation of a larger interest-bearing indebtedness. In view of the present bond debt of $71,500, the operating deficit and bills payable, it would be very unwise to increase the debt. After mature deliberation the board decided on a campaign for $137,500 —the minimum amount necessary to pay off its bonds, thereby saving $4,200 interest, and to erect the much needed men's dormitory, which would be a financial asset to the College.

The constituent Synods and the city of Fremont will be asked to raise this amount. It is not excessive but a successful completion of the campaign will mean everything to the College. Midland is at the cross-roads and a hearty cooperation and genuinely sincere effort to liquidate its debt now in this great hour of its history will place her on the highway to a permanent prosperity.

The campaign is being completed in the far California Synod, and the Texas Synod has been completed. The results have been very gratifying. It will go on in the various synods until the fall of this year and conclude with a grand effort in Fremont.

The Synod is aked to assume $30,000 of the total amount and conduct the campaign in September, October, and November.

The Rev. John E. Hummon, D. D. has been called to assist in the campaign at a salary of $300 per month for the time actually engaged in the financial campaign.

Enrollment

Midland enrolled 313 students the first semester of this year. This was the same as the first semester of last year. Women students increased 13 per cent. Men students decreased 15 per cent. The decrease in male students has been attributed largely to the poor dormitory.

283 students enrolled for the second semester, an increase of six students over last year.

Altogether 668 students were at Midland last year, coming from twelve states, the district of Columbia, and the Phillipine Islands.

34 graduated from College last June. 129 young people have received diplomas and certificates of various kinds during the year.

86 students enrolled for six weeks during the summer; 57 students for 9 weeks; 10 students for three weeks; 10 students for

High School subjects; 62 students in the extension department; and five students in the Fine Arts Department.

THE WESTERN SEMINARY

The Seminary is the graduate school of the College. Seven young men graduated last spring, all of whom are in pastorates.

Five students are enrolled this year.

There are 13 pre-theologs in the College. They are in the Oxford Fellowship and have organized Gospel teams which go out to minister in various congregations.

Three seminary professors teach the Bible, Greek and Philosophy in the College.

Dr. Holmes Dysinger who resigned last year consented to continue his work because a successor could not be secured.

Finances

Receipts for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1936:		
Departmental	$85,175	
Other receipts	27,991	
Total		$113,166
Expenses		
Departmental	$79,522	
Other disbursements	36,693	
Total		$116,215
Gross receipts of other activities	$ 4,630	
Expenditures of other activities	9,776	
Net loss on other activities		$ 5,146
Total Expense and loss for year ending Aug 31, 1936		$121,361
Net operating loss		8,195
Surplus Sept. 1, 1936		1,509
Credits during year		
Christian Education Fund	$ 1,804	
Small recoveries	186	
Total		$ 1,990
Dedits during year		
Operating loss	$ 8,195	
Special apportionments, inventories decreases, etc.	345	
Total		$ 8,540
Total deficit for the year		$ 5,041

The assets and liabilities as set forth in last years minutes remain practically unchanged

The entire indebtedness of the College to April 1, 1937, including outstanding bonds is $100,187.00—

Mortgages on endowment property borrowed for operating expense	$ 3,552.00
Bonds outstanding	71,900.00
Girls' Dorm. Bonds and Notes	575.00
Notes, secured by collateral	13,300.00
Accounts Payable, approx.	5,694.00
Accrued Payroll, approx.	5,166.00

The Board of Education has granted the College $8,400, a decrease of $600 from last year.

It is apparent the major deficit is not from the regular College departments. Special committees have been appointed to consider the Choir, Athletics, and Concessions, which are the sources of deficit,

largely. These Committees will report at the June meeting of the Board.

There are 47 persons on the College payroll, which amounted to $47,857.00 last year. The per capita average is little more than a thousand dollars.

The proposed budget for 1936-37 is

Income	$118,755
Expense	122,650

Personnel

The Rev. Fred Bloch, field secretary, resigned last July. Mr. Emery Hoenshell, a senior in College, has taken his place.

Mr. Russell Bickhaus has been engaged to teach violin instead of Mrs. Ruth Wicks, resigned.

It should be noted how few resignations there are at Midland and how loyal the professors are under difficulties.

Midland Associates

The Board voted to create an organization known as Midland Associates. These Associates are not to be members of the Board but men and women of influence and standing in their communities who are interested in Christian Education and who will give earnest consideration to the needs and possibilities of Midland. No additional expense is incurred by the College. Mr. Dan Stephens, prominent banker and former member of Congress, has accepted membership from Fremont. Your Trustees invite the names of carefully selected persons for the Associates to submit to the Board for ratification.

Activities

A new type of rallies are being held in Nebraska towns to interest prospective students. They are proving quite successful.

The College was host to Nebraska Intercollegiate Forensic Association, the Nebraska Association of State Colleges, and the High School Debate Tournament during the year.

The A Cappella Choir, now on tour, continues one of the outstanding organizations of the College.

The Midland Alumni Choir gave concerts in 24 cities in ten states and Mexico last summer, travelling at their own expense.

The Midland is the only Nebraska College paper to secure an "All-American" honor rating for the last two years. "The Midland" is edited under the direction of Mr. Emerson Reck, head of the department of journalism. In recognition of outstanding work in the College publicity field, Mr. Reck was elected vice-president in charge of research for the American Publicity Association at its annual convention in June last year.

The Geology Department under the personal supervision of Professor Gilbert Lueninghoener made a trip of exploration in four states and Canada last summer.

The Midland Players, The Symphony Orchestra, Forensic and Debate teams, athletic teams, the religious organizations and other agencies have been unusually active and successful the past year. The women's debate team won the state championship.

The College continues its fine work of teacher placement, having located 75 of its students in this profession since May first, 1936.

Relation to Synod

Your Trustees have sought to encourage the closest cooperation of the College with the Executive of Synod.

Recommendations

That 20% of apportionment be appropriated.

1. That we approve the campaign to raise $137,500 to liquidate the interest bearing indebtedness and erect a new Men's dormitory;

that we assume our quota of $30,000 to be assigned to the congregation on the per capita basis of communicant members and that we instruct our Executive Committee and Trustees to cooperate with the College authorities for the campaign in September, October, and November of 1937, and further that we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to secure the cooperation of the members of our congregations in this campaign for these necessary funds.

2. That we endorse the Golden Jubilee plans for a worthy commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the College and that we promise by our personal interest, cooperation and attendance at Midland for the final events if possible, to make it a noteworthy event; also that we will call the attention of our congregations to the Jubilee from time to time that they may think more of the vital importance of the College and be encouraged to support it in every possible manner.

3. That the Executive Committee of Synod advise the president of the College each time previous to its meeting, inviting his presence or any representative or communications concerning the College he may desire to send or to make.

4. That we instruct the secretary of Synod to express to the Board of Education our sincere appreciation for its most generous support of the College.

Respectfully submitted,
John C. Hershey

The tellers reported 49 ballots cast for clerical member to the Executive Committee. The Rev. F. C. Wiegman received 32, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Rev. Wiegman elected.

The tellers reported 50 ballots cast for clerical member to Tabitha Home. Rev. R. E. Rangeler received 47, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Rev. Rangeler elected.

A motion carried that the Secretary be empowered to secure a suitable gift to be presented to Dr. W. I. Guss as an expression of appreciation for his many years of fine service as President of the Nebraska Synod. The fund for this gift to be taken out of the Synodical Treasury Fund.

The Report of the Committee on Conference Minutes was presented by the Rev. W. S. Livers. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COFERENCE MINUTES

Your committee understands its duties to be that of examining the minutes of the three Conferences for the purpose of discovering any action which might conflict with the constitution of the Synod. Your committee has met and examined the 1936 minutes of the three Conferences and find them to be in conformity with said constitution.

Respectfully submitted,
Wallace S. Livers

The Report of the Resolutions Committee was read by Dr. G. N. Mendenhall. Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 were adopted. Recommendation 10 was adopted as amended.

The Report was adopted as a whole as amended.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Be It Resolved:

1. That we as a Synod express our thanks and appreciation to Dr. F. H. Knubel, President of the U. L. C. A., for so graciously giving us of his time for a visit and for his very helpful and inspiring messages.

2. That we express our approval of the World Calendar, proposed by the Calendar Reform Movement, equalizing the quarters of the year and enabling us to fix the various dates and seasons of the church year.

3. That we approve the work of the National Lutheran Council especially its efforts to promote Lutheran principles and ideals through the Daily Press, Magazines, and by means of the Radio. That we also agree that there is need for an accredited, Lutheran School of Social Work.

4. That we deplore the increase in the amount of drinking and of drunkenness, especially among the young people of our state and that we approve and encourage the work of the women of the W. C. T. U. in their educational Campaign against the liquor traffic and pledge them our moral support.

5. That we approve the work of the Lutheran Laymen Radio Committee and encourage our men to contribute to its support.

6. That we urge pastors and church councils to observe the Constitution of Synod in sending in benevolence contributions monthly.

7. That we recommend the literature published by the Church and urge its use in our congregations. Especially the following: "Light for Today" and other literature intended to stimulate Bible reading, prayer, and the use of the Home Altar; the literature of Laymen's Movement to help in the every member canvass; and the papers—The Lutheran and Women's Work, provided to keep the workers informed concerning the work of the Church and especially do we recommend that the pastors and church council members subscribe for the Lutheran.

8. That we highly commend the colleges of the state that offer required courses in Bible and Christian Education and urge that those courses be maintained on a par with other courses and be supplemented by suitable campus and faculty attitudes and activities to the end that the college campus be an earnest Christian Community in teaching and in life.

9. That we express our gratitude to Dr. Guss for his faithfulness and devotion during his long term of service as President of the Nebraska Synod.

10. That we Thank the local pastor, Rev. Foster L. Cress, the choir and his loyal people for their hospitality during this session of Synod, and that we ask the pastor to convey this message to his congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
George N. Mendenhall

The Report of the Claims Committee was read by Dr. G. B. Weaver. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Claims reports the following bills, and moves that they be allowed:

The Hanson Audit Company	$25.00
Rev. W. H. Saas	4.40
Rev. G. B. Weaver	2.70
Rev. G. N. Mendenhall	1.00

G. B. Weaver

The Report of the Leave of Absence Committee was read by the Rev. W. A. Klink. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND EXCUSE

The Committee on Leave of Absence and Excuses excuse the following from all sessions: Dr. Walter H. Traub, Dr. O. D. Baltzly, Rev. Theodore Schuldt, Rev. John S. Rhyne, Rev. E. Lee Fleck and Dr. J. A. Lowe; and

Rev. Max B. Pinkert, Rev. A. H. Pinkall and Mr. Henry Grim from the Tuesday sessions; and

Rev. C. P. Tranberg, Mr. W. J. Fegley, Mr. L. J. Saylor, and Rev. Newell Mendenhall from all sessions Wednesday; and

Rev. Hugh Dowler from the Wednesday evening sessions.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. Klink

The tellers reported 37 votes cast for lay-Trustee to the Midland College Board. Mr. Gus Prestegaard received 24, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Mr. Prestegaard elected.

The Amendments to Article IX, Section 3 (A), (a), of our Synodical Constitution presented at the 1936 Convention were adopted.

(Amendments to be inserted)

Inasmuch as the Committee on Parish Education has no official standing in the Synod, according to the Constitution, we give note of the following amendment, to be voted on at the 1937 Convention of Synod:

Article IX, Section 3, (A), (a) be amended by adding to the list of Standing Committees, after The Committee on Synodical Paper, the words **"and The Committee on Parish Education."**

Article IX, Section 3, be further amended by adding a subsection (L), defining the duties of the Committee on Parish Education, as follows:

4. That the duties of the Committee on Parish Education shall be understood to be:

a. To be a two-way channel of communication between the congregations and the Parish and Church School Board.

b. To cooperate with the local churches in making the observance of Parish Education Month more vital and to assist them in striving to attain some specific goal each year.

c. To encourage and promote the organization of Leadership Training Classes and Schools throughout the Nebraska Synod Territory.

d. To cooperate with the Midland Assembly in stimulating a larger attendance of workers at this Assembly for the purpose of receiving training in various phases of leadership education.

e. To assist in the formation and maintenance of Lutheran Church School Associations.

f. To cooperate with any agency of parish education in the local church whereby leaders for all phases of parish education may be discovered and trained.

g. To ascertain the status of parish education in all the congregations, by periodical surveys so as to determine strengths and

weaknesses and to help local congregations solve their parish education problems.

C. H. B. Lewis
George N. Mendenhall
Werner Jessen
J. C. Hershey
Fred C. Wiegman
W. H. Saas
A. H. Pinkall

The tellers reported 47 votes cast for clerical Trustee to the Midland College Board for the three year term. The Rev. A. H. Pinkall received 33, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Rev. Pinkall elected.

Salem Lutheran Church of Fremont, Nebraska, invited Synod to hold its 1938 Convention there in connection with the Midland College Commencement Exercises. Other invitations for the 1938 Convention were extended by Grace Lutheran Church of Lincoln, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Hildreth. A motion carried to accept the invitation of Salem Lutheran Church of Fremont, Nebraska.

The tellers reported 47 ballots cast for clerical Trustee to the Midland College Board for the one year term. The Rev. W. A. Klink received 35, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Rev. Klink elected.

Recommendation 4 of the Parish and Church School Committee Report, action on which had been deferred, was adopted.

A motion carried that $5 be allowed the sexton of the Allen Church.

The Report of the Committee on President's Report was read by the Rev. J. C. Hershey. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Committee has examined the report of the President of Synod and find that he has faithfully discharged the duties of his office during the past Synodical year.

According to the report, some progress has been made in attaining the objectives and endeavors of Synod.

The Committee has examined the recommendations submitted in the report and recommends that they be approved by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Hershey, Chairman

A motion carried that all unfinished business be referred to the Executive Committee.

A motion carried that the Executive Committee be given authority to edit the Minutes for the Printed Minutes.

President W. I. Guss installed the following officers:

Vice-President, C. B. Harman; Secretary, T. D. Rinde; Statistician, W. H. Saas; Historian, L. M. Kuhns; Treasurer, F. E. Wood.

Dr. W. I. Guss, as retiring President, addressed the Synod. Dr. W. T. Kahse responded giving his appreciation of the work of Dr. Guss in the years that he has been a member of this Synod, both as a pastor and as President. The Synod stood as a mark of respect to Dr. Guss.

The Minutes of the Session were read and approved.

The final Roll Call was taken, 37 pastors and 17 lay-delegates responding.

A motion carried that the Minutes of the evening Session be approved by the Executive Committee.

A motion carried that when Synod adjourns Wednesday evening it does so to meet in Fremont, Nebraska, in 1938 on the dates set by the Executive Committee.

The Session adjourned with prayers by the Rev. W. A. Klink and Mr. F. E. Wood.

ORDINATION SERVICE, WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Ordination Service, Wednesday night, was in charge of the President and Secretary of Synod and the members of the Examining Committee. The Ordination Sermon was preached by Dr. W. T. Kahse.

The Rev. M. Blaine Simon was ordained. Students Vance Baird and Leeland Soker were licensed for one Synodical year.

Immediately following the Ordination Service Dr. C. B. Harman, in behalf of Synod, presented a beautiful Hamilton watch, chain and cross to Dr. W. I. Guss as an expression of appreciation to Synod's retiring President. President Guss expressed his joy and gratitude for such a concrete manifestation of esteem on the part of Synod.

The Synod then adjourned Wednesday night, the Formal Order for the Closing of Synods being used.

(SEAL) These Minutes are Certified to be the correct record of the proceedings of the 65th **Annual Convention** of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, convening May 3, 4 and 5, 1937, in the First Lutheran Church of Allen, Nebraska, the Rev. Foster L. Cress, **Pastor.**

WM. IRA GUSS, President
THOMAS D. RINDE, Secretary.

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Index Number	Parish	Congregation	When Organized	Pastor	Congregations	PAROCHIAL																												Students			
						Membership					Accessions						Losses					Church Schools															
											Child		Adult				Child		Adult			Sunday				Weekday											
						Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	Contributing	Non-Member Adherents	Baptism	Otherwise	Baptism	Confirmation	Certificate	Otherwise	Death	Otherwise	Death	Certificate	Otherwise	Official Church Papers**	Number	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Home Dep't.	Cradle Roll	Number	Teachers	Scholars	Catechumens	Ministry	Diaconate	In Lutheran Institutions	In Non-Lutheran Institutions	
	North Platte Conference																																				
1	Allen	First	1912	Creas, F. L.	1	245	236	120	125	75	2		1	1	1				4	4		2	1	14	146		17					1		4		
2	Columbus	United	1930	Dorner, E. A.	1	138	98	72	45	3	1			15	1				1			3	1	8	48											
3	Dakota City	Salem	1872	Weaver, G. B.	1	275	193	111	110	55	3	2			2	2				3		3	1	18	96		5				5				2	
4	Dakota City	Emmanuel	1858	Vacant	1	43	28	5		13												1									8				7	
5	Emerson	St. Luke's	1911	Vacant	1	667	422	145	235	8	20		2		3				3	2		10	1	15	153		13	1	14	114				1		
6	Fremont	Salem	1902	Pryor, F. C.	1	804	597	448	360		26	16	2	38	44			12	6	15	10		1	40	375	45	33	2	19	130	40	2	1	10		5
7	Homer	St. Paul's	1886	Moeller, G. E.	1	243	220	125	114	40	14		1	19	4	5		3	1	5	2	1	1	12	114		30	1	7	47	26					
8	Hooper	Grace	1915	Alexander, W. W.	1	328	236	226		3	3	1		7		3			2	2			1	12	85		14				13		1		1	
9	Hubbard	Trinity	1905	Moeller, G. E.	1	138	122	77	55	35	5	4	1	16	3								1	6	46						15					
10	Leigh	St. John's	1918	Gieschen, G.	1	351	240	173	120	65	4	2		7		3		11	4		12		1	18	117	2	34				20					
11	Omaha	First	1907	Borhenke, C. H.	1	660	393	284		50	15		3	30	11	8			3	5		10	1	32	285		36	1	10	90	33		1		2	
12	Omaha	Grace	1889	Mortensen, G. E.	1	593	328	259			15	5	4	15	4	16	2	4	2	2	35		1	13	104						21					
13	Omaha	Kountze Mem.	1858	Traub, W. H.	1	6040	4400	2483	2107		102	82	57	145	55	33	5	125	62	77	65	50	4	75	1640		265					2				80
14	Omaha	Redeemer	1917	Voss, W. A.	1	808	581	401	430	367	22	22	9	23	29	21			2	2	2	6	1	36	408		14	1	8	68	34		1		1	
15	Omaha	St. Luke's	1905	Pinkall, A. H.	1	773	577	430	311		28		5	30	3	2	1	10	1	3	15	12	1	32	375		30	1	12	90		1				
16	Omaha	St. Mark's	1886	Stump, W. C.	1	372	232	128	70		4		2	7					21				1	21	158		10	1	8	72	14			1		
17	Ponca	Salem	1866	Livers, W. S.	1	428	315	226	145	14	15	9	6	9	4	10	1		4	2		1	1	14	100		17	1	4	65						
18	Scribner	United	1935	Young, A. W.	1	211	118	114	81	25	17	25	2	40	25	2			1			4	1	15	116		28	1	6	50	60					
19	South Sioux City	First	1920	deFreese, L. H.	1	509	282	173	92	96	17	8	1	20	7	8				3	2		1	23	220		40	1	1	22	30			1		
20	Tekamah	Emmanuel	1858	Vacant	1	138	67	48	25		8		5						2	1		3	1	12	50		28	1	2	10						
21	Vacoma	St. John's	1893	Alexander, W. W.	1	82	56	56																							9					
22	Wayne	St. Paul's	1881	Heidenreich, W. C.	1	557	390	220	130	20	5	1		8	4		1	1	1	3		2	1	19	135		19				28					
23	West Point	Grace	1874	Klink, W.	1	616	351	342	260	117	18			23	2		2	4	6	12	11	12	1	25	260		50				28					
24	Omaha	Luther Mem.	1936	Stump, W. C.	1	40	38	38	30			2			3	2			1																	
				Conference Total	24	15059	10520	6704	4845	988	343	179	101	453	205	115	12	170	127	141	285	120	24	480	5031	44	873	12	91	723	388	6	1	30	12		
	South Platte Conference																																				
1	Auburn	St. Paul's	1884	Haugse, E. N.	1	396	245	174	115	20	8	3		9	2			1	3	1		9	1	17	176		11	1	5	66	28			1		
2	Beatrice	Trinity	1883	Saas, W. H.	1	235	183	114		15	8	5	7		5	2						4	1	17	95						4					
3	Benedict	Zion	1881	Mortensen, E. C.	1	284	201	167			11	4	4	7	4		1	2	3	2		2	1	29	150	3	10				9			2		
4	Davenport	Christ's	1892	Hershey, J. C.	1	488	283	214	129	36	11	6	3	5	9	2		1	2	2		2	1	33	208		27				14					
5	Eagle	Trinity	1893	Rangeler, R. E.	1	63	49	38	32	18	2			8	5				1	2			1	6	30									2		
6	Falls City	St. Paul's	1913	Cordts, H. C.	1	629	450	440			21			15		23			1	5			1	18	265		52				18					
7	Hampton	Emmanuel	1916	Joens, H.	1	195	162	70	35	8	1				3			5	2		9	1	1	7	90											
8	Hardy	St. Paul's	1881	Pinkert, Max	1	224	122	74	60	17	6		3	15	1				2	1		1	1	20	121		8				15					
9	Lincoln	Grace	1890	Rubrecht, G. K.	1	750	658	433	290	200	13	20	2	27	24	12		24	3	3	21	10	1	32	279		16				27	2				
10	Lincoln	St. James'	1925	Rangeler, R. E.	1	91	88	60	38	16			3	11	1					2			1	16	100											
11	McCool Junction	First	1900	Vacant	1	189	120	94			3			4	1	1			1				1	13	49		14									
12	Nebraska City	First	1866	Rinde, T. D.	1	259	185	112		25	4			4	14				1	3		5	1	19	80		9				4					
13	Rising City	First	1881	Tranberg, C. P.	1	341	241	151	160	5	8	6	2	12	5	1	1	2	3		5	18	1	16	170						16		2			
14	Stella	Trinity	1884	Miller, J. C.	1	53	41	22		14				1	2	2		4			3	1	1	6	28								1			
15	Verdon	St. Mark's	1883	Miller, J. C.	1	257	176	112		28	7				3			4		2		3	1	16	168						11		2			
16	Walton	Grace	1916	Rangeler, R. E.	1	163	141	78	60	14	2		2	12	2				1	3		1	1	8	40						12					
17	Wilber	First	1889	Gilmer, E. H.	1	209	99	55			2		2	2	2							3	1	20	100		20				4					
18	York	First	1927	Vacant	1	271	190	129			11		3	5	18	4	1			2			1	6												
				Conference Total	18	5096	3634	2528	919	416	118	44	31	137	98	50	3	43	26	28	38	59	18	289	2119	3	187	1	5	88	150	2		13			
	Western Conference																																				
1	Broadwater	United	1934	Jessen, W.	1	135	92	86	81	50	3		3	1		8			1				1	10	100	80		1	6	84	26			1		
2	Dalton	Trinity	1930	Dowler, H.	1	181	128	84			5	4		7		6			2			2	1	10	68						16	1		1		
3	Ericson	First	1898	Chittenden, W. J.	1	34	23	11			5		2			1			1									1	1	12						
4	Grand Island	St. Paul's	1882	Harman, C. B.	1	1823	1187	800	940	200	49	5	20	59	7	7	2	3	6	5	10	8	1	55	390		75	1	5	50				3		
5	Gurley	Grace	1916	Dowler, H.	1	229	120	71			6			1		2	1		1				1	12	100		24				14			2		
6	Hildreth	St. Paul's	1927	Dumler, H.	1	248	175	99		18	4	5	17		1				2	4		4	1	9	70		16				5	1		1		
7	Lewellen	Grace	1906		1	186	114	52		46	5		1			45			1		18	7	1	12	93		16				2					
8	North Platte	First	1880	Wiegman, F. C.	1	1099	781	503	375	85	28	18	20	26	17	12		22	5	14	49	24	2	40	334	27	74	1	7	72	32			9		
9	Oshkosh	St. Mark's	1906	Flora, G. R.	1	173	85	26	23	200	6			1	1			12	1		2	1	1	9	70						37					
10	Paxton	Trinity	1902	Kemper, C. H.	1	307	205	144	120	14	9		3		1		1		3	2		2	1	15	179		27	1	1	8	32				1	
11	Potter	First	1892	Kahse, W. T.	1	89	48	26	18	6		4			1				1				1	3	27						9					
12	Sidney	Trinity	1886	Kahse, W. T.	1	324	163	139	67	52	8	2	1	9	4				5		5	4	1	13	105	6		1			9					
13	Spencer	United	1930	Davis, R. V.	1	276	170	81	54	15	16	8	6		3			3	1			2	1	8	70		21	1	8	53	12				4	
14	Stamford	Trinity	1888	Henricksen, H. M.	1	210	152	111	80	32	5								1	1		1	1	16	116		8				22				1	
15	Sutherland	Grace	1902	Vacant	1	96	70	26		4		2	1		2	1							1	2	20	1					3	1		1		
16	Wolbach	Trinity	1903	Chittenden, W. J.	1	315	221	137	84	80	15		12				4		4				1	10	95		25	2	7	60				4	3	
				Conference Total	16	5725	3734	2398	1842	802	164	48	70	104	37	82	8	44	35	26	84	55	16	224	1829	114	286	8	35	339	205	3		16	37		
				Synodical Total	58	23880	17888	11630	7606	2204	625	271	202	694	340	247	23	257	188	195	417	234	58	983	8979	161	1126	21	131	1163	753	11	1	145	343		